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Winter Storytime

Warm up at Winter Storytime with Sargent. The free Albany Library Program, for ages 3 to 5, runs Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Jan. 14 through March 4.

Seniors' tax help

Beginning in February, specially trained volunteers will be available to help low-income seniors with their state and federal taxes at "The Open House" Senior Center in El Cerrito. Make an appointment by calling 215-4342, after Jan. 22. There is no charge for this service, but donations to the Senior Center are accepted.

Fitness Center

Join the Albany YMCA Fitness Center is now open and featuring expanded operating hours. A full line of cardiovascular equipment, strength training equipment, free weights, and personal training sessions are available. Also, assessment and orientation plus over 100 fitness and aerobic classes are now available. Childwatch is available for all ages. The Albany Y is one block east of the intersection of Pablo Avenue between Solano and S. Details: 525-1130.

How do we do it? Volume

The third annual Bay Area Shop Smart campaign, themed "Save Money and the Environment Too," focuses on how consumers can save money by purchasing reusable products and products with less packaging. "A family of four can save \$1,000 a year simply by buying products in the largest size they can use and by reusing items," said Diamara Bach, director of Albany Environmental Resources. "For example, buying apple juice in gallon sizes instead of single serve bottles will save families \$175 a year." Specific Smart information will appear on more than 6 million shopping bags in Bay Area stores from Jan. 12 through Feb. 7. Contact: 639-2498.

Albany Preschool

Albany Preschool registration is Saturday, Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Albany Masonic Ave. Applications, available the morning and afternoon preschool hours, will be reviewed in the order received, with priority given to Albany residents. Programs are for children who will be at least 3 years old by Dec. 2, 1998. A non-refundable \$25 application fee to be paid at time of application. Details: 527-1130.

Arity Ball at GGF

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. Some are known for athletic prowess and others for courage while others quietly make a difference in the lives of others. The spotlight will shine on both of our heroes on Saturday, Jan. 17, as the Golden Gate Fields presents its Second Annual Charity Ball on the eve of the \$200,000 Golden Gate Derby. Hosted by racing expert Chris Lincoln, the event features legendary jockey Bill Shoemaker, current top jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr., former Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher Don Rickles, and benefits the Paralysis Project of America and the Shoemaker Foundation. A cocktail party, followed by a silent auction and buffet begins at 6 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$100, call 559-1130.

Te the shoreline

Sierra Club hike is scheduled, weather permitting, from Point Isabel to Richmond on Saturday. Hike on paved road with spectacular views of San Francisco Bay and wildlife. Bring binoculars. Meet at 10 a.m. at the end of Rydin Road. Take Colma Avenue in Richmond, go west over the bridge and right on Rydin Road. There will be an optional posthike brunch at the El Cerrito Plaza. Rain check. Leader: Vera 234-8949 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Clouds lift over area taverns as smoking ban starts

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY/EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON — Some of them were fuming, while some were merely a bit cold. If you're looking for a definitive answer to the question, "What's up with the smoking ban in bars?", well, you might not find it here, although we can say with some certainty that if you own stock in the local ashtray factory, now might be the time to sell.

With 1998's unprecedented ban on smoking in California bars barely more than a day old, *The Journal* hit a few local hot spots last Friday to find out what the heck the East Bay's smokers (and non-smokers) would do. One thing's for certain: they were not smoking, and some, smokers included, even found the clean air a bit refreshing.

"This might have been problematic a while back, but I think it'll pass fine here," said James Heaney,

manager of the Kensington Circus Pub, where smoking had already been prohibited until 10 p.m. "The people who smoke here, they aren't the ardent type. As somebody who works here as a non-smoker, I'm really pleased with (the new law)."

"I think people need to stop protecting people from themselves," said Oakland resident Casey Dolan, a smoker found at El Cerrito's Mel-o-dee. "Smoking has always been in bars. It's not a place people go to

be healthy."

"I think it's a joke, personally," said Ray Gonsalves, a bartender at Bears in Albany, adding that the bar had, on the other hand, been a lot cleaner in terms of those pesky ashtrays.

"What do I think about it? I actually kind of like it," said fellow Bears bartender Michele McCoy, adding that her clothes no longer smell like smoke when she goes home and that last Friday was the

first night in Bears history she did not have to turn on a fan.

From the immortal Ivy Room to the oh-so-hip Club Mallard, East Bay smokers and non-smokers did agree on one thing—the bars certainly look ... different. Maybe you never noticed the haze, or maybe you never cared, but, like it or hate it, the air is crystal clear these days, although some fear the ban might extend even further until alcohol is

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'Mr. Sundar Shadi on the Arlington, El Cerrito, Cal.', an oil-on-mahogany panel by Oakland artist Rob March Harper, has been donated to the White House.

Arlington on the Potomac

How far beyond El Cerrito has Sundar Shadi's fame spread? Consider that the painting reproduced here of the master gardener in his garden is now part of the collection at the White House.

The oil on mahogany work is by Oakland artist Rob March Harper, who found that Mr. Shadi's colorful floral displays were perfect subjects for the landscape art classes he teaches through the Oakland Adult School and Studio One in Oakland.

In 1995 and '96 the classes

would set up on the sidewalk across Arlington Boulevard from the hillside lot Mr. Shadi so carefully and skillfully tends. The hospitality he showed them was unexpected but greatly appreciated. "He has opened his home both to me and to members of my class," Harper says. "He has even ventured out on the sidewalk and has spoken to my landscape artists."

It was after one session that Harper decided that Mr. Shadi deserved to be part of the painting subject. "That spring he had planted straw flowers that were

Around Town

By Chris Treadway
Journal editor

just enormously colorful," Harper says. "I came back that weekend after the art class. I told him I would be there and he was waiting. That's when I did the painting."

Harper offered the painting to Mr. Shadi, who said he would donate the work to the City of El Cerrito. Harper suggested donating it to the White House instead and in August 1995 he wrote Senior Policy Advisor George Stephanopoulos offering the painting. An accompanying letter came from Fr. Thomas Paris Proistamenos, archbishop of the

Greek Orthodox Church in Oakland, a longtime friend of Stephanopoulos. The wheels turned slowly from there, but in November 1996 Stephanopoulos wrote back, saying, "I would be happy to give Mr. Shadi's painting to President Clinton." A letter of acknowledgement arrived a month later from President Bill Clinton.

Harper "discovered" Shadi's garden while driving through the hills scouting suitable

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EC council lifts meeting restrictions

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — This week the city council finally discussed and decided publicly to continue televising its meetings and to relax the rule limiting each public speaker to three minutes.

In March of last year the council suspended broadcasts of its meetings amid charges that members of the public were grandstanding to the cameras and that video production costs were excessive. Also at that time a three minute per speaker time limit was implemented. A box with multicolored lights and a beeper was used to time and stop speakers.

Critics of the council complained these measures simply limited public debate and access to city government. Last month, after her ascension to mayor, Jane Bartke unplugged the lights, turned off the beeper and ordered the cameras rolling. At that time Councilmember Norman La Force said he was not necessarily against these actions, but requested they be discussed publicly by the council.

At this week's meeting La Force said his concern was that if the council had a three minute rule but did not enforce it uniformly, there

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Memorial service set for Diane Lohman

Services will be held Sunday, Jan. 11 for much-beloved Marin School teacher Diane Lohman at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. in Berkeley, at 4 p.m. Lohman, who passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 2, was a 10-year teacher and "pillar of the community," according to one relative. She is survived by her husband Rich, a long-time teacher at Albany High School, and her daughter Tracy, also a teacher. *The Journal* will publish a complete story on Lohman in next week's issue.

National brand coupons to appear in The Journal

Starting with this issue of *The Journal*, readers will be able to find money-saving coupons from national manufacturers every week. The nation's two major coupon companies — Valassis and News America — work with a host of national companies to produce colorful booklets containing coupons, refunds and other great values. Periodically, these companies will also offer product samples that are packaged into the plastic bag that holds your newspaper.

The coupon inserts by Valassis and News America are distributed to 56 million households in the nation. The typical distribution method has been to insert the booklets inside major metropolitan daily newspapers. But where redemption levels are sagging, they are finding considerable success with using local community newspapers.

Beginning this week, the companies are shifting their coupons to a network of community newspapers around the Bay Area. The network includes the papers published by Hills Newspapers — *The Journal*, *The Montclair*, *Alameda Journal*, *Berkeley Voice*, and *The Piedmonter*.

"This is a major accomplishment for Hills Newspapers," said publisher Scott Little. "It is strong testimony to the acceptance and readership of our group of community newspapers. We have our loyal readers to thank for that. We are happy that we are able to deliver these valuable coupons to help stretch the household budget and introduce new products to them."



Housing and adjoining amenities for the outdated residential complex would be substantially upgraded, but questions remain about plans for commercial development and how youth athletic fields will be accommodated.

Uncertainty surrounds Village project

By James Carter

There is mixed public reaction to the University of California's plan to tear down existing youth athletic fields in Albany Village to make way for new student housing and commercial development there.

University planners have been

debating various options to rebuild the Village — home to graduate students with families — for more than 10 years. Yet there remain questions about the specific details of plans to build new athletic fields in the village, and several questions about the type of businesses to be developed on San Pablo Avenue.

A recent meeting sponsored by university planners grew heated when several village residents and youth sports supporters clashed during discussion of the athletic fields. Phil Catalfo, Manager of the Berkeley/Albany Soccer Club, said

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A Tale of Two Cities

It took Charles Dickens a whole novel to tell us The Tale of Two Cities. Of course they were big cities, London and Paris. Ever willing to ape my betters, I presume here to thumbnail the tale of two little cities I know that have a good deal in common: Albany, Calif. and Gloucester, Mass.

I live in Albany, but grew up in Gloucester and return annually to our little shack in the back (woods, that is) to repair the ravages of winter and tenants. I also cavort with old friends and weigh in on the side of those trying to preserve the beauty of the place.

Gloucester is an early 17th century fishing port about 30 miles north of Boston and once second only to it in catch landed. But the commercial fishermen — who are equally greedy and short sighted on both coasts — have about fished out the most desirable species.

This has brought the kind of belated but heavy government regulation to the fishing industry there that is coming here now. Some Gloucester fishermen have switched to "harvesting" what were once called "trash" fish. However, having killed the sacred cod and the golden flounder, the industry languishes and the city suffers.

Albany too once lived very well with its cut of Golden Gate Fields racetrack revenues, but that has fallen away in recent years. An attempt to harvest what might be called the "trash" form of gambling — a card room — has been blocked by a small but determined group of litigious citizens.

This means both cities are on the shorts. Albany, with a population of 17,000 plus and occupying only about a square mile is somewhat better off than Gloucester with a population of 28,000 plus spread over 26 square miles necessitating expensive roads and services.

Both cities have gone increasingly upscale over the years. Gloucester was once a rough little fishing town. But due to its natural beauty and beaches, it began to attract artists and the more educated. They were followed by yuppies, many of whom commute to work in Boston. Property values rose as chain saw and bulldozer took their toll of woodlands and sylvan glades.

Albany was also a working class city where people lived in inexpensive "blue collar bungalows." But it too was discovered by the college crowd and yuppies who now pay well over \$300,000 for those bungalows. Since there are no forests to level here, people have built the old houses up, often too far up, degrading the quality of life here too.

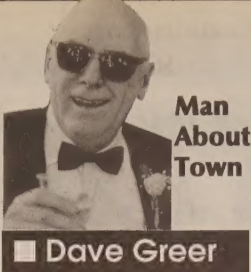
Gloucesterites are increasingly trying to save what's left of their undeveloped lands, hold down overcrowding, and preserve their way of life. Albanians should follow suit and stop the practice of converting houses into hotel-like monstrosities. People who outgrow their homes should go elsewhere and buy bigger ones rather than turning this city into an architectural Jurassic Park.

As you would expect, the many changes in both cities have not occurred without political turbulence. In the '50s Gloucester city councilmen were known to invite each other outside for a fuller exchange of views. Gentrification has at least kept the solons seated if not always civil.

In the same era verbal bouts between Kathy Zahn and Jerome Blank drew standing room only crowds to Albany council meetings. Recent years have been less colorful and more decorous excluding occasional eruptions from the audience.

Judging by the police notes in the paper, Gloucesterites are more given to slugging it out with each other, singly or occasionally in groups, than are Albanians. They also resist arrest more frequently than do we do, sometimes qualifying for a bump and a trip to the emergency ward.

This may be in part true because Gloucester, although much more isolated, has drug



Man About Town

■ Dave Greer

Albany and Gloucester have gone increasingly upscale over the years.

problems which far exceed Albany's. And the long, brutal — that's a favorite word there — winters wear nerves raw. I am told drinking in bars then can be more than usually detrimental to your health.

Gloucesterites get their local news from their daily paper as we get ours from this weekly. (The West Country Times wooed us heavily for several years, but its attention has wandered again.) Writing letters to the editor is so popular in both cities that editors often groan when the mail arrives. But real news and good writing are found in these epistles and readership is high.

Albany and Gloucester share wildlife in the form of raccoons, opossums, skunks, squirrels, hawks, crows, and various sea birds. Coyotes too have been appearing there recently as they have in this area with one reported in Kensington. Keep your eye out and your cats in; coyotes consider them a delicacy.

Both cities are on salt water where many enjoy boating and fishing. Gloucester is also famous for its white sand beaches. Our little beach hardly counts, but we do have a real shore line on one of the finest bays in the world. Gloucester has two rather exclusive yacht clubs while Albanians can join nearby clubs including Berkeley and Richmond. And here the dedicated boat and fish year round.

The extremes of cold winters and hot, humid summers make life in Gloucester harder than in Albany. Property is much cheaper there, but it costs more to live. Increasing numbers of older people are retiring to Florida, the Carolinas, and California.

The fall is probably the best time to visit New England as the biting insects are gone, the air is clear and fresh, and leaf colors literally defy description. The good hardshelled lobsters are coming back after shedding in the warm months and disappointing many a tourist.

The weather reaches perfection in the rare, mellow Indian Summer days of October. But birds of passage like me are on the wing to softer climes before glum November ushers in another brutal winter.



■ Letters to the Editor

Smaller schools a valuable reform

Editor:
The day before Christmas, the day before that day that promises so much in the birth of a child, California's U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein submitted an education reform initiative for the November 1998 ballot. Of Senator Feinstein's 11 proposed reforms, the reform that would, in my judgment, impact the greatest degree in making education live up to the American dream of providing equal education for all, was Senator Feinstein's proposal for creating smaller schools throughout the state: "Create

smaller schools, limiting new school construction to provide for no more than 500 students in elementary schools, 750 in middle schools and 1,500 in high schools."

That is an ideal that all Americans should commit to bring about. Since many of California's inner city schools, are saddled with far too many elementary schools closer to the limit of high schools than

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elementary schools, I call on local political leadership to commit to building more schools and follow New York City's example of breaking up large schools into more manageable, schools within schools.

And for Californians voting for Proposition 209, because affirmative action violates their

idea of fairness, should not that same value of fairness commit those voters to support building public schools throughout the State and provide all students with schools of manageable size?

In a State that has too long tolerated warehouse size schools for the poor, and public schools smaller size for the rich and the middle class suburbs, does not equalizing school size deserve support of all Americans because we believe in the American Dream of fairness, equality and opportunity?

Jim Morda

Around

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sights for landscape painting, but came to realize it was the same place his mother had taken him to see for its elaborate Christmas displays. That was in the mid-1950s, when Harper was growing up in Sacramento and would come with his mother to visit friends in Kensington during the holidays. "Forty years later I rediscovered the guy and that brought it all together," he says.

As much as Harper admires Shadi's artistry with landscapes, he is even more taken "by his humanity."

"He is really just a wonderful guy, it shone right through him," Harper says. "All my students felt it. He is a great treasure, a wonderful treasure as a man."

SURVEY SAYS: Price Research, an outfit out of Bakersfield (and no relation to school Boardmember Glen Price),



Window repair at El Cerrito High, above, appears to be a pressing need.

is polling West Contra Costa residents to gauge their openness to a parcel tax that would not only fund a new middle school in Richmond, but address other

needs in the West Contra Costa Unified School District as well. Judging from the questions (a pollster called this columnist's household last weekend), the per parcel levy would probably be set at \$29 a year, although respondents are asked about their willingness to pay at a variety of figures, ranging from \$8 to \$37.

Depending on the priorities of respondents, the \$60 million bond could go for a laundry list of pressing district needs, with the basics being \$16 million earmarked for a new — and truly needed — middle school, as well as \$40 million to refurbish buildings and repair classrooms and \$4 million to rewire and equip buildings to use modern technology. Specific needs could include upgrading district athletic fields, refurbishing playgrounds, repairing leaky roofs, painting the interior and exterior of classrooms, upgrading science instruction facilities, replacing windows and repairing unsafe walkways.

The surveytaker notes that 75 percent of the district's 49 buildings are at least 40 years old.

Frankly this space was glad for the chance to rank the different possible uses. The middle school is a pressing need — the district already owns a 17-acre Richmond site for the project — as are repairs to other buildings in the district. But to be honest, upgrades to accommodate modern

technology (wiring for computers and Internet access) did not rank high in our household for several reasons. For one, there are more basic needs that need addressing many long-neglected. For another, technology is constantly changing and is costly to get into maintain and keep up with. For third, aptitude with computers should take a back seat to education basics. A student can't be good with computers and still not read well or be well-read. A student who reads well and is well-read, on the other hand, will have the tools to learn computers.

Personally, our household would take repaired windows over computers. All anyone has to do is look at the northern wing of El Cerrito High School along Eureka Avenue. Holes shattered in numerous windows (their numbers appear to be increasing as the school year progresses, but a couple were already broken before school opened) were at first plugged with plywood propped inside. A few weeks ago entire panes were replaced with plywood bolted into place.

Parents, students and staff worked hard to clean the campus grounds before the school year started, but their efforts are undone by the sight of the unreplaced windows, which give the building an abandoned look.

Glen Price says he hopes his

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All you wanted to know about the City Administrator

through political shifts and changes, Daren Fields is the constant at Albany's helm

Greg Huguinin

ALBANY—What is a city? Is it attitude, an illusion, an imaginary beast? Is it a \$121 million bonded debt, or a \$14 million annual budget, the aggregate comprised of 127 employees, 17.5 acres of parks, a network of roads, sidewalks, streetlights, storm drains and 196,000 feet of sewers?

Imagine that you were responsible for such a beast: the money, the sewers, the lawsuits, all of it, every last drop of praise or complaint in some way reflecting on you. It might send your ego soaring to the sky, or leave you crying your eyes out at night. No, you would not be a member of the City Council—you would not even be a politician, in fact. Instead, you would be Albany's one and only City Administrator, the Man with the Master Plan, Daren Fields.

Love him or hate him, exorcise or build a statue in his honor, Daren Fields is wedded to Albany, better or for worse. Council members come and go: mayors spend their time in the limelight and move on. If you think sewer overflows run downhill, well, that very well might be true, unless, of course, it is the we're talking about, in which case the brook bubbles directly to the

A quick, friendly, perhaps just a bit nervous man, Fields has, for the past 10 years, been an integral part of the City Hall machine,

outlasting council members, mayors, assistants, planners and directors of this department or that. If a council member wants to talk to a department head, they are supposed to go through Daren, and if you really, really, really want to make sure something gets done, well, you should probably go through Daren as well.

But who is the City Administrator? What makes him smile? How did he arrive, and what manner of thing has he brought? Never one for the limelight, Fields graciously provided an hour or so of his time so that a few of these questions might be answered.

Or perhaps *The Journal* should instead thank the good people of Albany, who are set back \$44.47, plus benefits, for each hour of the City Administrator's work day. Of course, that is assuming The City Administrator works 40 hours a week. The City Administrator, you should know, does not work 40-hour weeks.

Good news arrives in mysterious places

He arrived in Albany at the tender age of 28, a field representative to former assemblyman Tom Bates who says he had come to realize that "the real action was on the local level, and that's where individuals get things done." Serving at first as the Assistant to the City Administrator under Steve Salomon, then as acting City Administrator, then later as Assistant City Administrator under John Nachbar, Fields was vacationing in Bermuda one day in 1994 when a telephone call arrived that would change his life—and, in some fashion, the lives of each and every Albanian—forever.

Though life may have been a beach in Bermuda that summer, in Albany

it tended more to resemble a demolition derby. At the time, the City Council and administration were moving full steam ahead with Measure F, the much-disputed, council-sponsored initiative that authorized a 150-table cardroom at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

The phone call, however, dealt not with cardroom but with the fact that Nachbar was leaving to become the assistant city manager of Tucson, Ariz. Fields himself—an El Cerrito resident at the time—also had plans to move on and become assistant town manager of Danville, Calif. Nachbar informed him of the Tucson job and said the council would be meeting the next day. They were going to offer Fields Albany's top administrative post. What did he want to do, Nachbar asked?

"I said, 'What do you want me to do? I'm in Bermuda.'"

A few days later, Fields was back in Albany and the matter, with little fanfare, was settled. In December, 1994, with the fires of the cardroom campaign still smoldering and the true issue of contention—a pair of subsequent lawsuits—just beginning to burn, Albany found itself with a brand-new man in charge, with the cardroom project—for some, at least—hanging over him like an odor.

Few would dispute that Fields has changed the face of City Hall during his tenure. With one eye on the present and another on the far-off future, Fields' administration had eradicated 1994's predicted budget deficits, began to address the city's long-term needs, cranked out more than its share of master plans and guided Albany into an era where youth is the buzzword and City Council meetings have all the drama of a tea party in the land of the dead.

Yet at the same time, all has not gone entirely smoothly: cardroom opponents to this day are waiting for City Hall to admit it screwed up in handling the cardroom, and some feel the staff members at 1000 San Pablo would just as soon eschew citizen input and run the dang city themselves. Fields himself was once accused of "lying" to the council; he has been dragged through the ever-deepening mud of the cardroom de-

bate, and his response—he was not in charge at the time—has left some feeling unsatisfied to this day, more than three years later.

Of course, Fields was not the City Administrator at the time; he was instead the City Administrator's right-hand man. Is the right hand man as responsible as The Man himself? It is a question which, at the end of the day, only Daren can answer.

Q&A with the City Administrator

Q: What were your dreams, your goals, when you were younger?

A: "I always wanted to be in public service, even when I was a kid," Fields says. "I think my parents instilled a strong ethic to give back to the community and participate in making the world a better place."

Q: So what, exactly, does the City Administrator do in a typical day?

A: "A lot of it boils down to coordinating, listening and communicating."

Q: How many hours do you work each week?

A: The City Administrator works about 60 hours a week.

Q: What has been a triumph during your time in City Hall?

A: The City Administrator cites completed projects, the library/community center, the teen center, the city's recycling program and tree planting program (a partial list), as triumphs during his time.

Q: And the low points?

A: (The City Administrator pauses for nearly a minute.) "I guess dealing with individuals who are not looking for solutions but are looking for government to take the problem off their back and solve it for them...It's a totally different attitude, and I think when I started in local government it was more of, 'How do we solve the problem together?', and now it's, 'What can you do for me? How are you going to do it now?'"

Q: So what does the City Administrator think about the ongoing cardroom lawsuits?

A: "Because it's been in litigation, I haven't been paying too much attention to it," Fields says. "I guess my thoughts are, the lawyers sure are

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Engagements



Sherburne-Berry

The parents of Anna L. Sherburne announce the engagement of their daughter to William Ryan Berry. She is a 1989 graduate of Albany High School, and attended Sacramento State University. She is currently working for Sprint.

He is a graduate of the Fish and Game Academy and is a deputy sheriff for Placer County.

A fall wedding is planned.



Gardyne-Dodd

Robert and Marie Gardyne of Pinole, formerly of El Cerrito, proprietors of The Brass Horse (doll shop) in Albany announce the engagement of their daughter, Lula Marie Gardyne to Donald Paul Dodd.

by PG&E in Stockton.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Melvin and Oneta Dodd of Livingston, Calif. He is a master photographer by profession and owner of The Elegant Image in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The wedding is planned for Sunday, April 26 at the First Unitarian Church in Kensington. After the wedding, the couple will live in San Luis Obispo.

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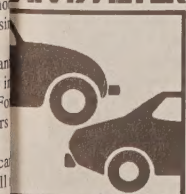
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Police Reports

Resident a victim of beating

By William-Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO — Around 4:25 p.m. on Dec. 22 two unknown suspects knocked on a young man's door in an apartment complex on the 400 block of Liberty Ave. and asked for him by name.

When the victim identified himself the two suspects proceeded to beat him repeatedly with wooden and metal clubs. The suspects fled the scene to the front of the building.

On Dec. 18 an unknown suspect pried into the side door of the Potrero Ave. East Bay Korean Christian Church. The assailant(s) then forced entry into the church's music room and removed music equipment. The total of loss and damage was estimated at \$4,100.

On Dec. 18 an officer observed a man attempting to extract change from a USA Today newspaper bin on the 10600 block of San Pablo Ave. The man was taken into custody on a charge of petty theft.

On Christmas Day Dec. 25 police responded to a caller from the 1500 block of Liberty Ave. reporting that a named suspect had swung a baseball bat at her brother. The brother was able to block the attack with his hand. No arrests were made.

An '88 Mazda 929 was reported stolen from Baron Ct. on Dec. 26.

On Dec. 22 a woman reported that someone had stolen the wallet out of her purse she'd draped over the back of her chair while she dined at the Fairmont Ave. Fat Apple's restaurant.

Sometime between 12 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Dec. 22 an unknown suspect entered the laundry room of an apartment complex on the 1700 block of Lexington and removed \$800 worth of a victim's clothes from the washer and dryer.

Around 2:20 p.m. on Dec. 24 an El Cerrito police officer assisted the Richmond Police in the arrest of a suspect under investigation for assault with a deadly weapon, specifically a firearm.

On Dec. 17 the San Pablo Ave. J.R. Muggs Coffee Shop reported that it suspected an employee had been embezzling money from the business. Two suspects were named with no arrests made. The amount was estimated at \$4,000.

On Christmas Eve Dec. 24 an elderly woman reported that on Dec. 18 at around 8 p.m. someone called and left messages of growling noises and toilet-flushing on her answering machine.

Sometime between 7 p.m. on Dec. 22 and 9 p.m. on Dec. 22 an unknown suspect entered the side door a residence on the 1400 block of Liberty Ave. and removed three bicycles. The total loss was estimated at \$800.

There were six arrests made for driving under the influence.

An '88 Volvo 240 GL was reported stolen from the 11400 block of San Pablo Ave. on Dec. 16.

On Dec. 23 at around 10:53 a.m. a Highway Patrol officer requested the ECPD's assistance in stopping a stolen '78 Datsun 510. The two assailants were taken into custody on San Pablo Ave. near

Manila Ave.

An '80 Volkswagen Rabbit was reported stolen from the 11200 block of San Pablo Ave. The vehicle was later recovered.

Six domestic and civil disturbances were reported with no arrests made.

Sometime between 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on Dec. 18 an unknown suspect shattered the driver's-side window of a '93 Plymouth Voyager and removed the stereo's face plate.

At around 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Day a stolen '89 Toyota Camry was recovered after a pursuit and foot chase. Police arrested one occupant.

On Christmas Eve a woman was arrested for trying to walk out of the San Pablo Ave. Target with unpaid-for merchandise totaling \$158. Later that day a man was arrested for attempting to walk out of the store with a hair brush that cost \$1.99. Police found he had served time on prior convictions for theft.

On Christmas Day sometime between 5 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. an unknown suspect entered a vehicle parked on the 6100 block of Potrero Ave. and removed property estimated at \$750.

On Dec. 29 a '90 Jeep Pioneer was reported stolen from the 2600 block of Tuller Ave.

Stolen car recovered in Oakland

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On Jan. 2 a resident on the 1100 block of Portland Avenue reported that while he was out of town his white Toyota Camry had been stolen from his parking garage. On the night of Jan. 3 Oakland police reported finding the car. It had not been damaged and they had a suspect in custody. The owner was notified.

At about 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 29 officers observed and stopped a blue '78 BMW for weaving and erratic driving on I-80. The driver, a 35 year old Oakland woman, appeared to be intoxicated and failed the Field Sobriety Test. She was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

At about 8 p.m. on Dec. 29 officers assisted the CHP who stopped an '83 Mazda for a traffic violation on San Pablo Avenue near Clay Street. The driver, a 27 year old Richmond man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from San Francisco in the amount of \$5,000 and was driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license. He was arrested.

On the morning of Dec. 30 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that his gray '89 Toyota Camry had been stolen during the night.

At about 3:30 a.m. on Dec. 30

an employee at an auto dealership on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a black Chevrolet Tahoe had just been stolen within the past 20 minutes.

On the afternoon of Dec. 30 a resident on the 500 block of Kains Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the rear license plate off her white and green '61 GMC bus.

At about 4:30 a.m. on Dec. 31 a resident on the 1100 block of Neilson Street called the Berkeley police to report that their white '87 Hyundai had been stolen while in front of their house. There were no witnesses. Berkeley police took the courtesy report and notified Albany police.

At about 11 a.m. on Dec. 31 officers responded to a report of an automobile accident near Pierce Street and Washington Avenue. There were no injuries and the driver, a 42-year-old Oakland woman, was found to be intoxicated. She was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

On the night of Dec. 31 officers responded to various reports of noise and disturbances due to the New Year's festivities.

At about 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 1 officers responded to reports of a fight at a bar on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue. They contacted a 27 year old El Cerrito man who was intoxicated and indeed fighting. Officers had responded to

reports of the same man fighting earlier in the evening. The man was arrested for public intoxication and was cited to be released when sober.

At about 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 1 workers at a construction site on Buchanan Street reported that a wood burning stove/heater had been stolen from the area.

On the morning of Jan. 4 a year-old Albany youth reported that while he was getting his cut on the 1400 block of San Pablo Avenue a subject he described as a light-skinned black male, 5-foot-6, weighing 150 pounds, stole his bike. Police are investigating.

At about noon on Jan. 1 a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole her Suburban.

During the week of Dec. 29 officers fingerprinted five people at their request, towed five cars, responded to 17 false alarms, attended to 11 lost or deceased animals (including a squirrel running around in a house), assisted eight people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to two reports of barking dogs. The domestic arena officers involved in two domestic disputes, one stand-by, 15 civil disturbances and 38 civil assists. Firefighting paramedics responded to one call and two medical emergencies.

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Wednesday, January 14, 1998
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The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider amendments to the West Berkeley Plan and West Berkeley Rezoning to permit the development of playing fields and a skateboard park at the Fourth & Harrison site. Interested people are invited to attend the meeting and to testify to the Commission. The West Berkeley Plan and Rezoning designate the site as Mixed Use/Light Industrial, targeted to light industrial, not recreational uses. The Commission has said that it will consider the proposed amendments in the context of recreation and open space policy, including other sites for playing fields and the (forthcoming) Open Space Element of the General Plan.

No action on the amendments will be taken at the January 14 meeting and additional testimony will be accepted at future Commission meetings.

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Transformation and reform of district middle schools: A framework for action

the full cost of our school district's financial bankruptcy will probably never be known. We can only tally the dollars and cents, and we can never calculate the national cost especially for our students. Their education was, and continues to be, negatively impacted by the legacy of the bankruptcy. The cuts and sacrifices necessary to maintain operations following bankruptcy were felt throughout the district's middle schools. Only the district, following the pressure, has begun to address these issues and a task force was formed in 1995 to propose solutions to middle school problems. One of their key recommendations, to restore the 6th and 7th grade middle schools, was adopted by the school board in 1996. The task force also recommended construction of at least one new middle school to alleviate overcrowding and provide a middle school in closer proximity to home students. These recommendations and the actions of our middle schools have received a great deal of the attention of the electorate during the recently held school board campaign. Subsequently, of the newly formed school board during November 1997 and now January 1998, two initial actions are being proposed immediately by the board and may follow soon.

middle school task force propose action plan

The original middle school task force provided the board with a

comprehensive set of recommendations which spanned the complete spectrum of middle school issues. However, once their work was presented, there was little prioritization and no systematic follow-up. The board did not utilize their recommendations as a basis for planning or budgeting.

Recognizing the need for immediate action, on Dec. 17 the school board approved the formation of a new task force whose sole purpose will be to rapidly build on the work already done and create a prioritized strategic plan for our middle schools. The task force will be chaired by Dr. Susie VanDeVeer and staff was asked to identify and recruit a cross section of community representatives including business leaders, faith community, community organizations and parents for the task force. Local 1 and UTR, the two unions representing classified employees and teachers respectively, will be asked to nominate representatives of their membership to the task force. The board asked that the committee be appointed by the third week in January and report back to the board with a strategic plan by the third week in April.

Board seeks financing to build new middle school

On Dec. 22 the school board held a study session to look at how a new middle school could be built in Richmond. Aquacena Lopez, district consultant for construction finance, presented several facilities funding options for the WCCUSD. As a result of the district's

bankruptcy agreement with the state, the district is precluded from financing construction projects with state funds until our state loan is repaid. This means that even if the state school bonds proposed this week by Gov. Wilson are passed by the legislature and the electorate, we will not be eligible for any of these funds. (This is probably one of the more galling aspects of the agreement — as a district, we are paying our state debt and, as citizens we pay state taxes — why shouldn't we be eligible on the same basis as every other school district for state construction financing?)

However, even if we were eligible for the state construction programs, they are slow and we need a new middle school as soon as possible. The most direct method to obtain financing for a new middle school is through a "General Obligation Bond." Bond measures require two-thirds voter approval and are paid for by a tax on real property. Our school district has not successfully passed a bond measure in over 25 years although voters approved the November 1996 Measure E, the district's parcel tax, by a 68 percent margin.

The board is already on record with a general intent to put a

general obligation bond measure on the June ballot. The precise ballot measure must be submitted to the county and subsequently the State of California by the end of this month. Starting with the Dec. 22 study session and continuing through the month of January, the bond measure will be a primary focus of the board.

A key moment will be a Jan. 14 presentation to the board of research findings emanating from a poll being conducted of district voters concerning their support for a bond measure.

Simultaneously, a campaign committee is forming to wage a successful bond campaign. The committee will require the active support and involvement of every part of our community committed to the success of our public education in West County. Parents, students, businesses must come together as never before to pass this measure.

The middle school task force and the campaign committee are two strictly separate entities with entirely different mandates.

The task force is a district committee being asked to recommend priority actions to take now to improve district middle schools. The bond campaign

committee is an independent group being formed with the single purpose of winning the bond election.

In my next column, I'll discuss two additional actions the board should consider with urgency: the programmatic design of the new middle school and the current status of district boundaries and their future with the new middle school. And I will cover the bond campaign closely over the coming weeks and months.

I started this column talking about the legacy of the bankruptcy. It is hard to calculate the toll it has taken. But the ultimate price will be paid if we allow fear of failure to stop us from taking bold creative action to solve problems affecting the children and youth of this community.

These next few months will be exciting times for the district — I know we can make these positive changes happen if we all pull together in the same direction.

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West County School Watch

By Glen Price

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Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

PTA meetings

- AMS meets tonight at 7 p.m. in the AMS Library. After the half-hour business meeting, the topic will be Kid Power with speaker Erika Holmes.
- Cornell meets Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in Cornell multi-use room.

School Board Meetings

- A special AUSD meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. at the AHS Little Theater to review the design features for the new high school and gymnasium. There will be opportunity for public comment.
- Albany Board of Education meets Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Cornell multi-use room.

Special Interest Meeting

- Music Boosters meet Sunday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at 908 Polk St. For more information call Pete Hobart, 527-8879.
- AMS Technology group meets Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the AMS Library. Your input is welcomed in the discussion of plans for an upcoming NetDay (Saturday, Jan. 24), donation strategies, and grant proposals. You may also e-mail your ideas to Jim Freese at iceman@lanminds.com.
- New high school design process speeds along. The Facilities Planning Committee for the new high school, which consists of AHS faculty and staff, students, school

board members, parents, and other community members, has been meeting regularly to provide design input to the district architect. Comments and suggestions from all interested persons are welcome and encouraged.

Based on the district's Educational Specifications and comments received at public meetings, the starting point for the layout consists of a three-story building along Key Route with a prominent entrance near the center of the block next to the Fine Arts building, a gym along Thousand Oaks, and a central courtyard facing Memorial Park.

Highlights from several of the committee meetings include discussion with a representative from the city Park and Rec Commission, who met with the

committee to present concepts for the courtyard/park interface and the shared green space; presentation by the architect of two preliminary schemes that included ideas for an open-air amphitheater and lunch shelters; and a discussion of the adequacy of the Little Theater and the functions of the proposed multipurpose room.

With the recent approval of funding by the state, the district is striving to maintain an ambitious schedule that calls for completion of the plans and submission to the state by April 1998. Meetings will be held this month to present proposed drawings, models, site plans, and other details for consideration and comments by faculty, staff, students, and the community at large. Please attend and voice your opinions and concerns.

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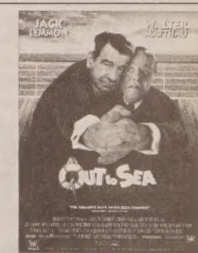
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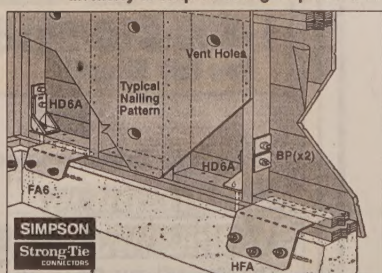
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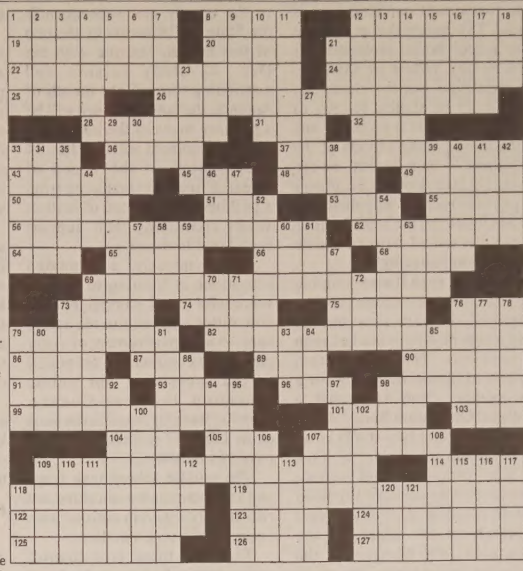
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■ Goings On About Town

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Jan. 10
Boogie Down Jugglers; 10:30 p.m.; at La Pena Cultural Center, Juggling, singing, unicycling, comedy and fun. 3105 Shattuck in Berkeley. 849-9397. Adults \$3. Kids \$2.

Jan. 11

The 7th Annual Children's Film Festival; 1 p.m.; Friendship's Field, voted best feature film at the Chicago International Children's Film Festival. Also, for teens, at 3 p.m.; Moeblus, with the director, Gustavo Mosquera in person. Filmed at the Universidad de Cine in Buenos Aires. At the Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave. Berkeley. Advance Tickets: 642-5249; info: 642-1412.

The Buddy Club presents; 11 a.m.-noon; The wild comedy of Jay the Juggler & singer Mary Spalding. Takes place at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. @ Masonic in Albany, call 524-9230 for directions.

Goings

UC-Berkeley Research Project: Child Health and Behavior; specialists in childhood health and development at UC Berkeley's Child Study Center are looking for families with 4 to 8 year old children to participate in a research project on children's responses to the daily challenges they encounter. Children must be

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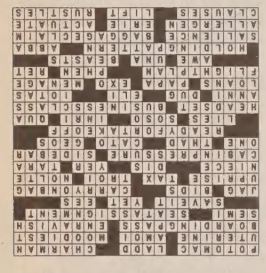
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and hearing aids; as well as special education and rehabilitation training to blind and deaf people. The Albany Lions also provide other community services.

The building will be open at 6 p.m. and beverages will be on sale. Food will be served continually from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. After that, prizes will be awarded.

The menu will consist of fresh cracked crab, green salad, sour dough bread and baked beans. All items, plus beverages, will be available during the entire evening. The

Albany Lions don't stall you for the first hour with bread, salad and pasta and then follow that with one or two small servings of crab. Diners are encouraged to eat all they want, but taking food out is not permitted.

The \$25 tickets are available from any Lions Club member. To arrange to bring a check and pick up tickets, call 525-2920. If you happen to reach the answering machine, state your name, telephone number and number of tickets you need.

Peet's CEO named Jewish fundraising group chief operating officer

Kensington resident Samuel J. Salkin has been named Chief Operating Officer of the San Francisco-based Jewish Community Foundation. In the newly created position, Salkin will oversee the internal planning and budgeting process, as well as finance,

accounting, information systems, human resources, maintenance, communication and facilities.

Salkin most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of Peet's Coffee & Tea, in Berkeley. Prior to that he was Executive Vice President of Smith Hawken, Ltd., Mill

Valley, and Chief Executive Officer and President of Alaska Commercial Company, Anchorage, Alaska. He is a native of Greenville, PA. A graduate of Cornell University, Salkin lives in Kensington with his wife Frankie Whitman and their two daughters, Sarah and Leah.

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Fields

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making a lot of money."

Q: How does one get hired by the City of Albany?

A: To get hired by the City of Albany, one must go through a rather arduous process, involving questionnaires and a series of interviews with department heads from both inside and outside the city. It takes longer than a month.

Q: And how does one get fired?

A: "In public agencies in this day and age, you don't fire people, you reach some settlement regarding their employment." There might be a resignation, or they might get another job, or retire. "It's very difficult to fire anybody these days," Fields says, which might be why it's so difficult to get hired in the first place.

Q: Being the boss, any problem anywhere in the city is your problem, right?

A: "Yeah," Fields says. "Yeah."

Q: Though the city's budget is balanced for the next few years, Albany still faces nearly \$17 million in unfunded capital needs. Should Albany residents be sweating that?

A: "I guess it's my job to worry about that."

Q: Should you be sweating that?

A: "I do worry about it."

Q: What do you see yourself doing in 10 years?

A: "I see myself on a Caribbean island."

Q: You like the tropics, don't you?

A: "I like the tropics."

Q: Where are you going during your vacation over the holidays?

A: "I'm going away."

Q: And if all heck breaks loose, will they know where to reach you?

A: "Yeah, they'll know where to reach me."

It's built, so why haven't they come?

Beyond criticizing those at City Hall for their handling of the cardroom, others, including many long-time city residents, likewise feel the administration their tax dollars supports has been somewhat less-than-open in the area of communication. One resident, who agreed to be interviewed on condition of anonymity, spoke of "professional, city-running people" (read: city staff) who don't want to bother with non-professional citizen input.

Yet at City Hall, they say they are bending over backwards to listen, and to get the citizens of Albany involved in running their city.

There certainly has been no shortage of opportunities to speak; City Council meetings, planning meetings, forums to review Solano Avenue street furniture or the San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan. Yet at the same time, in many cases, very few persons show up. At a City Hall open house in October, the number of concerned citizens could be counted on one finger, and that person, it turned out, was a journalism student from UC Berkeley assigned to cover Albany for a class.

Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma explains:

"You know, you can throw a party and sometimes people show up and sometimes they don't. We make every effort on a variety of levels (a web site, the quarterly newsletter, etc.) to let people know what's going on...Where people used to have a lot of time to come together for a town hall meeting or something like that, I think we need to look at a lot of different avenues."

Or, in other words, people just seem to be busier these days. When it comes down to a Cub Scout meeting

or a City Council meeting, most residents will choose their children over participating in Albany's democratic process.

Planning Commission Chair Michael Feiner, on the other hand, cites the reactive (as opposed to proactive) nature of the human machine as the reason why nobody shows up.

"I've noticed that, generally, people only participate when they're (upset) about something," Feiner says, lamenting the fact that, while important issues such as rewriting the city's zoning ordinance have been taking place over the last few months, few have bothered to participate.

Of course, the above doesn't address the core issue: does City Hall listen? Some have said they might as well tap dance and whistle Dixie as address their council and staff, although the recent example of a group of Marin Avenue residents who came in search of slower traffic and received it might provide a counterpoint.

Bob Outis, attorney for the group (Citizens for Responsible Government) that filed the cardroom lawsuits, feels some things changed with last year's turnover on the City Council, though not much. "I think it's a symbolic openness. I think that in the (former mayor Mike) Brodsky years, public input was something that was orchestrated. Now it is something to be endured," Outis says.

Mayor Bruce Mast, on the other hand, says: "The people I've heard complain that we're not paying enough attention to the citizenry are the people who did not get their way."

Our anonymous source, who has not always gotten their way, says some events seem like mere window dressing; that staff hires consultants

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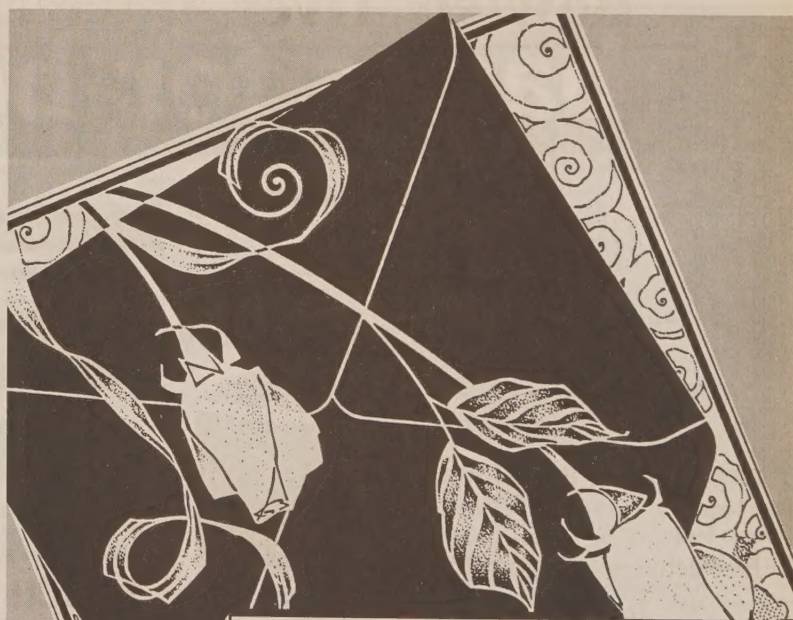
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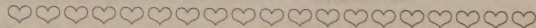
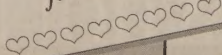
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Ruth Meniketti knows inner rewards of community involvement

She was a member of Albany's Park and Recreation Committee for 33 years. "I kept being reappointed by different people," she explains. Then, with a wry smile she adds, "Finally, the only person I really knew on the Council at that time didn't know that I would want to be reappointed to the Park and Rec, so appointed me to the Waterfront Committee instead."

They were going to give her a plaque for the 33 years of active participation on Park and Rec, but the man who was to make the plaque seemed to think the 33 years was a typing error, so he changed it to 3 years. So the plaque had to be redone, and was not available to be presented to her at the time she was to be honored.

But she felt honored, anyway. Ruth Meniketti thoroughly enjoyed her long years of work with the Park and Rec Committee. She points to the many things that they accomplished — slowly and step by step, she says — including the making of a mini park on Talbot street. She says someone, who had no children, donated the land — just a small 50-foot by 50-foot lot. The Council thought there was little that could be done with such a small plot other than to sell it and use the money for something for children, as the donor had wanted. But the Park and Rec Committee members had other ideas, and as a result the small lot became a mini park, and a very popular one. It is in an area where there are few public sites, so it is used by mothers and their babies, and by children from the area. She

considers this one of the fine successes of the committee.

Ruth Meniketti is a quiet woman who enjoys her retirement. Of course to her retirement means doing things. So she does. In addition to her work on city committees, she helps to clean Albany Hill once a month when the Friends of Albany Hill have their clean-up day. She is part of a small group called "Prevent Blindness", which tests children in preschools in Richmond, to find those with Lazy Eye disease. she says Lazy Eye must be discovered and treated before a child is 5 or 6 years old, and Prevent Blindness is dedicated to doing that.

And she takes part in other city activities. One can see her at almost all city events. She never misses a book sale, being a member of the Friends of Albany Library, and, she says, she belongs to many, many other good organizations where she has neither the time nor the energy to become actively engaged, but pays her dues and takes part that way.

Upon her retirement she declared that she would never buy a garment off the rack again, so she has gone back to making her own clothes. Being 4-foot-10, she found she had always had to alter the clothes she bought, anyway, and making them from scratch is much easier than altering. So that is something she does that she enjoys doing.

Ruth was born in a small mining town in Kentucky and grew up there. She went to Beria College, which is a very interesting facility. Its primary

mission is to offer a college education to young people from the Appalachian area, many of whom would be unable to attend college otherwise. Everyone is required to work while there, and Meniketti, who had taken shorthand as a Sophomore, worked as a secretary to the dean. She said the college was dedicated to "clean living and high thinking."

She came to the Bay Area with a girl friend in 1945. At that time, she says, you couldn't travel without a reason, so they said they were going to visit her friends relatives in Stockton, and to take some summer classes at U.C. "It looked like we could do that, on the map: stay in Stockton and take classes in Berkeley."

In those days, she says, it was very easy to get a job, but hard to find a place to live. But eventually she found both. Then, this Southern girl remembers, instead of meeting a boy from the South she met Dario and married, had two kids and got divorced.

The girl friend with whom she had come to California, meanwhile, had gone to Oregon, married and stayed there. At one time Ruth and Dario went to Oregon to live. In fact, her daughter, Nancy, was born there. They tried about three different cities in Oregon, and then decided to return to the Bay Area, where they belong. Their son, Marco, was born six years after Nancy. Nancy ultimately went back to Oregon, married there and has made it her home.

Except for about two years after Marco's birth, Ruth Meniketti worked as a secretary,

although she did have a teaching credential. In fact, she did teach a little in Oregon, and one year in Richmond. But although she admires people who can teach, bring up children and take part in community activities, she never felt that she could do that. Secretarial work was 9 to 5 and then you were free to be a mother and whatever else you had to do. She worked both as a temporary worker and permanently.

Marco, she says, went through the Albany schools and then to Cal, bicycling from his home everyday. (most people are familiar with the sight of his father, Dario, bicycling around Albany all the time. Ruth says he did have one car, a VW, but never replaced it when it died). Now, of course, she says, both her children have two cars. Ruth, herself, is "a pedestrian" and feels no need for a car.

Marco, who is a teacher, is now at Michigan Technical University getting his masters in archeology.

Ruth has other hobbies, as well. Being Scotch-Irish, she has become interested in Celtic history. She went to an Elderhostel in Scotland, and is fascinated by the country's history. She notes that Scotland, although it uses the laws of England, has its own, also, and one of the differences in the laws is a court finding of "Not Proven", which is unique to that country. She thinks that would have been handy in the Simpson trial. She belongs to the Berkeley Hiking Club, and enjoys their mini hikes. She belongs to the East Bay Citizens for Creek

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



Ruth Meniketti participates in a 1995 cleanup on Albany Hill.

Restoration, loves to folk dance and does that every Friday night either at the Y or at the Ashkenaz, and reads a lot, "mostly on the bus or while waiting in line."

Ruth thought I would have trouble filling a column about her. In reality there are several little tidbits I would like to add, but space does not allow. An interesting woman, indeed.

It was Dario Meniketti who suggested Ruth to me, along with several others. And I thank him. And, as always, I ask you to give me your ideas: interesting people, activities, organizations etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, or at 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com

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By Charlie Coane

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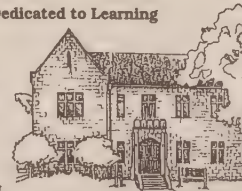
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■ Martin Snapp

The Gospel According To John: 1998 is barely under way, but it's already showing signs of being a weird, weird year.

Take the New Year's Day miracle that happened at Sequoia Lodge in Oakland.

Every year, Berkeley's Gaia Bookstore throws a huge Beatles New Year's Day Party & Love-In at the lodge, with hundreds of guests decked out in their best Sgt. Pepper-era costumes. Posters of the Fab Four adorn one wall, overlooking a shrine of Beatle relics and candles, and the band plays nothing Beatle tunes.

But this year, at precisely 4:17 p.m., one of the Beatles posters fell and landed on the shrine, where it started to smolder from the lighted candles.

Nobody noticed it until they smelled smoke. But a fast-thinking party-goer snuffed out the fire before any major damage was done.

Now here's the ooo-EEE-ooo part: The poster was miraculously unharmed, except for the face of John Lennon, which was completely burnt away and replaced by a hole shaped exactly like a heart.

The obvious message: All you need is love.

Now, I have seen this miraculous poster with my own eyes, and I do believe. Check it out yourself: It's now on display over a new shrine at Gaia.

But before we embark on 1998, let's clear up some old business from '97 — namely, the Big Game. Stanford won the battle on the field, but it turns out Cal was the winner in the creative pranks department.

Halfway through the first half, the crowd at Stanford Stadium was stunned to hear the public address system announce that Stanford was being penalized 15 yards for "excessive arrogance."

It wasn't true, of course. It was a clever bit of hacking by a Cal student in the Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Department — EECS for short (pronounced "Eeks!").

He transmitted a brief but intense electrical pulse, known in the trade as a "dropping a sound bomb." It was so loud, the folks running the Stanford sound system had to turn down the sound levels to keep the speakers from getting blown out.

That created a window of opportunity for our hero to jump in with his own message. And the rest is history.

But here's the cool part: Before he did it, he called the FCC to make sure what he had in mind was legal. They gave him the green light, so he went ahead.

Here's to Cal: Alma Mater of socially responsible pranksters.

Speaking of pranks, my computer guru, Oakland's Cliff Stoll, was examining a computer chip (a Silicon Graphics R-10,000, to be exact) through his ultra-high-powered electron microscope. And guess what he spotted hidden among all those millions of minuscule micro-bits? A teeny, tiny, microscopic picture of Dilbert! Who says those Silicon Valley nerds don't have a sense of humor?

Meanwhile, I was watching the ceremonies at Candlestick — oops! I mean 3-Com — as they retired Joe Montana's number, and I don't help wondering: Whose numbers have the Raiders retired?

Answer: None. Ken Stabler's number 12 was worn by third-string quarterback Donald Hollas this season. Fred Biletnikoff's number 25 was worn by safety Dan Land. "But," adds Raider spokesman Mike Taylor, "It's a pretty safe bet you'll never see double-zero again."

On a more serious note, I want to make one more comment about the death of Bill O'Neil, the white-haired, white-bearded, more-or-less homeless man who was killed in a freak accident in North Berkeley last month.

I can't remember when I've gotten so much mail on one subject. People from all over Albany and Berkeley wrote to ask if he was the same old man they remembered from their neighborhood. (In almost every case, he was.)

Some remembered his eccentric behavior. Some remembered his arresting appearance. Some, to be honest, remembered his pungent body odor. But they all remembered him with affection.

Debbie Carton, a librarian at the North Branch of the Berkeley Public Library, wrote, "He was a longtime library patron, even though he sometimes misused his library privileges, and his death was a great shock."

And it got me to thinking: Here was a guy who, by most conventional standards, would be adjudged a "failure." And yet he seems to have touched so many different people from so many walks of life. And each one clearly feels diminished by his passing.

Maybe he wasn't such a failure, after all.

Finally, I hope you survived New Year's Eve. I spent it the way I always do: by going to bed as early as possible. To me, New Year's Eve is the Las Vegas of holidays — all tinsel and glitz and false hilarity.

But I'm looking forward to 1998 with great expectations. You see, in my whole life I've fallen in love — I mean deeply, talking-seriously-about-marriage in love — only three times.

The first time was in 1968. The second was in 1978. And the third was in 1988.

What can I say? THIS IS THE YEAR!!!

Ms. Right, whoever you are, I'm ready.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Phone Martin at 273-9039, e-mail him at catman1@creative.net, or snail-mail him at Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingo Ave., Berkeley CA 94705.

Ban

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outlawed as well.

"I'm a non-smoker, but I think it's only the first shoe," said one rather inebriated, white wine-drinking woman at Bears. Well, that might be taking things a bit far (we hope), but nonetheless, there are those who fear their rights are being trampled.

Joe DiMartini, the Mel-o-dee's 84-year-old, reformed-smoker owner, said he fears the ban will "hurt the business" and says the reason for it—protecting employees—is perhaps a bit of a stretch. Citing the fact that he himself has worked up to 16 hours a day in bars since 1944, DiMartini, who bills himself as "the oldest bartender in the Bay Area" had more than a few unkind words for the ban.

"If there's any proof (second hand smoke doesn't kill), it's right here talking to you," he said, predicting that bar owners would fight the ban and that it would eventually be overturned.

"Don't take happiness from somebody else to satisfy yours,"

DiMartini said. "This law is not right for everybody."

At Bears, which is no larger than many peoples' living rooms, smokers hung halfway out the door, puffing away. "I think it's wrong for them to say no smoking in bars," said occasional smoker Lisa Valenzuela, who plans to respect the law.

At the Ivy Room, the smoking ban produced a rather pleasant gathering on the sidewalk on San Pablo and Solano avenues, where the smokier bar patrons had a chance to be with their own.

"I'll tell you what, we were just talking about this," said smoker Eric Rockhold. "I don't think people mind as much as they thought they would."

At Club Mallard, on the other hand, they were smoking like chimneys — in the club's non-enclosed patio area, of course. Bartender Ann-Sofie Pylin said "I don't think it matters too much. It's sort of nice to be able to breathe."

A trio of young Australians found smoking on the patio were utterly terrified.

"It's very strange. It's a form of segregation," said Ashley Bright.

"First of all, I dread the day it happens back in Australia," said Matt Glasman.

"So much for a free country—that's all I have to say," said Rob Williams, who, proving true to his word, did not say anything else.

According to Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo, his department will indeed enforce the ban, although offenses must be triggered by a citizen complaint.

"I would probably like to go through a brief period of warning," Murdo said, seeming surprised when told all the bars The Journal visited had already complied. "I certainly hope people behave responsibly here."

Not every bar in the area had complied, however. Rick Avedikian at the Mel-o-dee said "I was in a salon tonight where you could smoke your heart out," confirming other, separate reports of bars that did indeed defy the ban.

Avedikian, of course, didn't reveal which bar that was. If he had, the Journal probably would not publish such information, for enforcement—or rather stool-pigeoning—is the job of vindictive non-smokers, not ours.

Village

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"The one thing that was unfortunate about that meeting was that it seemed to pit the youth athletic leagues against the village residents. That's something we don't want. I know many people involved in youth athletics who lived in the Village, then decided to settle in Albany because it is such a great place to raise a family. These programs are one of many things that makes this such a wonderful little town."

Other community members have concerns about what type of commercial development will occur on San Pablo Avenue.

Ray Grassi, President of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, while supporting commercial develop-

ment on San Pablo said "You've got to have a pretty good anchor there. But anything big could do damage to the community. We could also take a hit on sewer systems."

Asked about rumors that a new Safeway or WalMart might be built on San Pablo Avenue, Jerome Blank, a prominent real estate broker said "I'd be happy to see any big store. The city needs the sales tax. And we certainly could use some things that would keep business in Albany."

"But," he added, "why would they want to relocate the Safeway? It's in one of the prime locations in the East Bay?"

Blank, who was mayor of Albany in the '50s when the city agreed to allow the university to develop

student housing at the village, also said "The city can ill afford to lose any recreation facility. I think the university is short sighted if they take away our Little League fields."

At the Dec. 15 meeting at the Village, Tom Lollini, the university's director of Physical and Environmental planning said "The university has provided access to this land (at Albany Village) for over 50 years. I haven't seen many expressions of thanks from the community. I think that how the community responds to that generosity is very important."

Responses to public comments on the project's focused draft environmental impact report are out and will be examined in next week's issue.

Around

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board colleagues don't get so caught up with other needs that the focus on the middle school is lost. "I'd much rather go lower and win, than go higher and lose."

AROUND TOWN: Price, by the way, is betting big on the San Francisco 49ers. Or at least he's hoping they make the Super Bowl. The board newcomer is holding a party on Jan. 25, "Super Sunday" to non-sports fans "to celebrate Glen Price's victorious Super Bowl campaign and (we hope!) those fabulous 49ers." The event at the Richmond Marina Boat House will raise money to retire Price's campaign debt, with the price set at an appropriate suggested minimum donation of \$49 per family. Call 528-1315 if you want details ... Also in the sporting vein, the Albany Little League has a newsletter now out organizing its supporters on behalf of ensuring there will be space for baseball fields to replace the ones being lost when redevelopment of the University of California's student housing at University Village goes forward. Not only is there skepticism about how dedicated UC is to making space available (for 41 years the current fields have been leased by UC to the Little League, which installed and maintains the area), there will probably be competition for any land designated for youth athletics. The growing girls softball and youth soccer programs are also

expected to compete for space, and even though it might seem the three could work something out, their individual needs are probably not entirely compatible ... In El Cerrito the needs of youth sports are also going through a boom cycle. Youth soccer boosters are clamoring for a new field and are staking out the large paved area now used by Portola Middle School, a proposal that has some City Council backing but one that has also met some initial reluctance from officials at the school. At the same time the El Cerrito Youth Baseball program has its heart set on establishing another field in the city. Financially, that dream is some time away, according to the league president.

... The Journal's own columnist Clara Rae Genser (following a piece she wrote about the needs of Albany youth sports) wrote a column a couple of weeks back about the apparently successful effort to find a space in Berkeley for a new Albany/Berkeley Municipal Courthouse. The location chosen by the Berkeley City Council in a 5-4 vote was to locate the courthouse at the parking garage originally built for the Hink's Department Store (yes, Berkeley, too once had a department store). While many exhaled a sigh of relief at the decision, fearing the courthouse might be relocated to Albany, there are others who aren't ready to give up the fight. That's right, there's an effort in Berkeley to save a parking garage. How times have changed.

Drive past the location and you'll see a banner on the outside of the structure. Drive in, say to see park to go see a movie, and you'll be handed a flier as you leave urging you to call write or e-mail Berkeley council members and validate saving the garage ... As for Journal columnists, we are sorry to note the departure of one of our own. Linda Goldfarb, who so deftly penned the "Teacher Feature" that was a popular complement to this paper's offerings, has moved northward in California. Negotiations are underway to find a replacement ...

AROUND THE CORNER AND UP YOUR STREET, comes the friendly poet/philosopher Charles. In this case, as always (although the intro owes everything to the comedy team of Bob and Ray) that refers to Charles Keppel of Albany, who was also a fairly regular contributor to this column in its first incarnation eight to nine years ago. Charles, apparently aware of the creek-awareness effort, offers the simple verse he calls "Firestone."

A first time for everything — a used tire in our creek.

It's great to hear from Charles, a contributor to this column in its original incarnation, and it would be great to hear from the rest of you in readership land.

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■ Bill Mann

Media Meanderings: H-P unveiled a new personal computer for \$799 this week, complete with Intel chip. Last month, I might have jumped at given the glacial pace of my aged (three years) 486 computer. Then I noticed an article in the (January) issue of Consumer Reports called "Need a New \$2,500 computer?" Turns out I do need a new one at all — at any price.

My current PC had a laughably small 8 MB RAM, or roughly that of a manual Royal typewriter. The C.R. article suggested adding RAM, or more access memory, to speed up the computer. My who works for a software company, and his friend an Intel engineer, popped open my PC, dropped megabytes of RAM in (total cost: a piddling \$50), and couldn't believe the difference. It's like having a computer. Hoped I saved you \$749 bucks — (You're welcome.) RAM is cheap right now.

Multimedia Notes: Thanks to El Cerrito resident Minnie Favre for sending along her additional funny list we printed a couple of weeks ago, "You Would Never Know Without the Movies (Television)." Other readers sent ideas — I'd welcome yours — but I liked Favre's best, none: "If a maid walks into a bedroom carrying a long tray and finds a dead body, she'll always drop the tray." Also: "There's always a parking spot for hero, even in a busy downtown." And one of my current pet peeves: "Men in movies prefer to have conversations while at a urinal." I've lost count of pointless and gratuitous men's-room scenes like I've seen recently.

Also, from our original list: "When they're alone, foreigners prefer to speak English to each other." "Cars that crash will almost always burst flames." "Most laptop computers are powerful enough to override the communications systems of any invading alien civilization"; and, "All bombs fitted with electronic-timing devices with large readouts so you know exactly when they're going off."

Long Eastbay commute: The genial and upbeating Steve Garland, who was the evening air personality as well as music director at K-Big (Big 98.1) and high-rated S.F. station was unaccountably "blown" last summer and popular morning DJ Darian O'Toole was sent packing, had much to do with now-defunct classic-rock station's success. Before that, the music-savvy Garland was a DJ on KRQ-FM and also on KSFO. He's just taken a job run a classic-rock station, "The Fox" (101.7 FM) up in Santa Rosa. And if Garland thought the community KBGG's studios in San Fran from the far East Bay was a long one, consider his new one: He drives his Antioch home to Santa Rosa each morning. "Maybe I'll move up there soon," says Garland optimistically. As bad as that drive is, a DJ at Santa Rosa station KMGW, another former KBGG staffer, John Mack Flanagan, has an even longer one: From Daly City to Santa Rosa. Longest radio commute I know of was former KNBR newsmaster Lazich's daily drive to KNBR's S.F. studios from outside Sacramento each day ... It's one way to plenty of quality radio time.

Capsule review of the new James Bond movie *Tomorrow Never Dies*: A \$68 million movie with \$68 script. Two and a half stars. Still, Pierce Brosnan is the best Bond since Sean Connery, and it's got some talented long-time Jackie Chan H.K. movie star Michelle Yeoh finally get her big break. Yeoh was on Letterman's show recently. And even though Dave isn't often partial to smart women, preferring fawn over — or make fun of — models and actresses, the ultra-bright Yeoh was a pleasant exception ... Have I seen "Titanic"? No. So, how did it end? I have a sinking feeling I'll pass on this one. Attention fellow java junkies: KCBS Radio foodie Narsai David passed along these interesting tips on coffee. David says that if you want more caffeine, avoid the dark-roast blends (French, Italian) most of us prefer — the roasting process bakes off some of the caffeine. He also says to eschew the costlier Arabica beans if you're looking for the most caffeine — the often-denigrated robusta beans have the most caffeine. But how does one know, the twitching columnist asks nervously, which coffees include robustas? When commercial blends are 100 percent Arabicas, like Trader Joe's, the package often proclaims that. But not when they're the slightly bitter robustas ... I'd ask East Bay coffee czar Gena Vukasin, but he's probably too busy with Al "Just Leave, Baby" Davis and other troubles at the Coliseum, former home of Lapel Chokewell.

Long-time KGO Radio newsmen John Emmett, former sidekick of Lee Rogers who was twice fired by KGO for going on the air drunk, sends me a letter from Miami telling me he's still sober. The deep-voiced Emmett is now half of a "wacky" morning show on a Miami radio station ... Remember in 1969 when Paul McCartney released his first solo album, just as The Beatles were breaking up? Paul played every instrument on the album, but so what? What's remembered are the strong songs. I was thinking of this while watching the third-season premiere of Tracey Ullman's "Tracey Takes On" series airing this Sunday at 10 p.m. on HBO. That's because the ubiquitous Ullman plays all the major parts, and brings back several of her recurring characters this season. In one scene, as Vietnamese donut-shop Mrs. Noh Nang Ning, she gets into an argument with herself as Chic, a bestubled, macho Egyptian cab driver. But the material is what counts most here, and it's often crude and sometimes quite funny. I've seen the first three "Tracey Takes On" episodes, and on a scale of 10, I'd give 'em a 6 ... Darwin meets the "X-Files" Next Thursday's (Jan. 15) premiere of ABC's new cult-like series, "Prey," also isn't bad. We've been bumped down the food chain, the promos say, by a new species of human. Their DNA is 1.6 percent different than ours, giving them an evolutionary edge in this paranoid, intermittently entertaining thriller. They're also smarter. OK, smarter than most of the people at Monster Truck rallies.

Rules

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would be problems. "Some people had more than three minutes—some people felt they had only three minutes," he said. LaForce then made a motion to simply do away with the three minute rule altogether.

Councilmember Larry Damon, who had labored under the three minute rule as a frequent council critic before his November election, said he "heartily endorsed" LaForce's motion. Damon did say there are times a three minute rule might be needed to move discussion and action along. Councilmember Mark Friedman said he had no problem ending the three minute rule "as long as we try our best to be succinct."

After discussion the council voted unanimously to end the three minute rule, but with a proviso that time limits may be temporarily im-

posed by a majority vote for issues likely to have a large number of public speakers.

As to the question of televised meetings, the council decided the value to the public warranted the video production costs. Members voted unanimously to televise all their business meetings and to study the possibility of using volunteers behind the cameras to save money.

Currently the city contracts with a private video production company for broadcasting services. A report prepared by city staff says it costs about \$300 to tape a council meeting. To tape the council session at a remote site — the council plans study sessions at local schools and churches — the cost rises to \$500-\$600. Production costs vary depending on length of program and necessary editing. It cost the

city \$520 to tape the Del Norte Planning Workshop and video production of the Prince of Wales Program cost \$1,170.

Production costs are paid for out of a fund the city established in 1994 after receiving a one-time litigation settlement from TCI, the local cable television operator. The fund started with \$75,000 but is now down to \$31,240. Even with this reduced amount Deputy City Manager James Randall told the council there is enough money to tape their meetings for years to come if they so wished. Councilmember LaForce said he isn't against televising the meetings but worried other community programs might not be produced if production funds were depleted by council meeting taping. "I have a hunch we can't televise everything," he said.

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I've been trying to figure out the importance of all of this and how it affected me as a realty agent. In the past, I joined the small, prestigious real estate company of JT Ward Realtors in Berkeley. This Claremont neighborhood firm was founded in 1927 by Jay Ward, the creator of the cartoon characters Rocky and Marmaduke.

When I felt I had found my place and would probably be there for the long term, it was a comfortable place. It was perfect but like a second home. Our broker/owner, Julie Buttner, was always on site available to help us resolve any issues.

Then, in May of last year, Mason-McDuffie Real Estate acquired

JT Ward Realtors. I feared my "second home" would change drastically and upset my life.

Things have certainly changed. I have gradually adjusted to having more agents scurrying around, a larger management team and many new procedures to learn.

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Then, in August 1997, it was announced that Mason-McDuffie was going to be affiliated with Prudential of California, a national company. I was stunned by the news; the

link on my new business cards was barely dry.

I've had time now to get used to the idea of yet another name change. The more I thought about it, though, I really don't think it is going to make much difference to me.

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The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.50 percent this week, falling 3 basis points from last week's average of 5.53 percent. The one-year ARM ended 1996 at 5.57 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, rose 4 basis points from

last week's 6.57 to 6.61 percent. This time last year this rate averaged 7.18 percent.

"Existing home sales reached record levels in Oct. and Nov. partly because of the affordability of mortgage rates," said Freddie Mac deputy chief economist Frank Nothaft.

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For example, during this holiday season were you struggling with an over-stuffed, undersized coat closet for visitors or hoping

overnight guests wouldn't run out of hot water when they showered?

Were you crossing your fingers that the holiday lights wouldn't blow a fuse and begging for extra refrigerator space from your neighbors? Were you eating in shifts because your dining room was too small while serving cold vegetables because a single oven couldn't cook everything?

"Simple home improvements planned early enough will make next year's holidays easier and more enjoyable," advises Headlee.

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Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

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On Dec. 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for Jan. 1998 payments at 4.949 virtually unchanged from the 4.957 percent that was in effect for Dec. 1997 payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

New year, new IRA options

The new year will bring new opportunities, new resolutions and a new retirement savings vehicle to consider — the Roth IRA. But before you sprint to open one of these new accounts, you may want to compare IRA choices to see which best suits your needs.

Amidst the differences two key similarities remain. You or your spouse must have earned income to contribute and each plan has a maximum allowable contribution. Assuming you qualify, you can contribute up to \$2,000 annually regardless of whether you invest in a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA or a combination.

Beyond these two points begin the distinctions between the traditional and the Roth IRA types.

Eligibility

Traditional: An eligible participant for the traditional IRA may contribute up to the \$2,000 annual maximum.

Roth: contributions are limited if an individual's adjusted gross income (AGI) is between \$95,000

and \$110,000; \$150,000 to \$160,000 for joint returns. If your individual or joint income exceeds these limits, you would not be eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA.

Tax deductibility

Traditional: Depending on your income level and whether you are covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you may be able to deduct all or part of your annual contribution.

Roth: Because contributions are made with after-tax money, they are not tax deductible.

Tax-deferred vs. tax-free

Traditional: Any interest, dividends or capital gains grow tax deferred until you start making withdrawals.

Roth: The investment grows tax free as long as you abide by the withdrawal rules.

Withdrawals

Traditional: Penalty-free withdrawals are allowed after you reach 59 1/2, when withdrawals

are taxed as ordinary income.

Roth: Your original contribution can be withdrawn at any time (this provision does not apply to account balances converted from a traditional to a Roth IRA.) Roth IRA withdrawals after 59 1/2 are tax free as long as investments have been in the account five consecutive years.

Remember that any withdrawals made before either IRA's minimum holding period are subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty and ordinary income-tax rates.

Both IRA types have a "special purpose" distribution created under the new tax laws. You are now allowed to make penalty-free withdrawals from either IRA for a first-time home purchase (up to \$10,000) and/or qualified higher education expenses. This is in addition to the existing pre-59 1/2 distribution exceptions.

Mandatory distributions

Traditional: You are required to take minimum withdrawals once you reach 70 1/2.

Roth: there is no requirement to receive minimum payments at

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any time.

If you plan to convert traditional IRA assets into a Roth IRA, any assets used will be subject to ordinary income tax. These taxes may be spread over the four subsequent tax years you convert in 1998; you must be under \$100,000 total.

So, which IRA type should you choose? It depends on your personal needs.

Make sure you carefully evaluate both IRA choices to see which meets your investment objectives, tax consequences and, most importantly, your retirement level.

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matter of definition

er the course of the past year, written dozens of stories historic buildings which were terms that are second nature architectural historians, and to realtors who specialize in his- properties as I do. But the of such words as "extant" "barge board" is not often com- knowledge.

before beginning a new year on historic properties, I is an appropriate time to pro- some in-depth definitions of of the most frequently used in discussing architectural

historic: According to the Na- Trust for Historic Preserva- is any structure which is over years old and retains most of original architectural features. a tract house built in 1947 be considered historic if it has most or all of its original or and interior walls and de-

stant: Any historic structure retains two thirds or more of original outer walls, and remains original site. For example, a year-old house which has all of original outer walls but may have more than half of its interior de- can be considered ex- provided it is still on its origi- site.

authentic: This is another less way of saying extant. The uly with this term is that is

often loosely, or even incorrectly used on historic sites where the original buildings are long gone.

For example, the site of Sutter's Fort in Sacramento for decades had a marker that described the current structure on the site as "an authentic restoration" of the old fort. In truth, what visitors were seeing was a full scale replica of the old fort built in 1949, which had been constructed on the ruined fort's old foundations.

The same is true for a number of the sites of California's old Franciscan Missions. The main church at the Mission de San Jose in Fremont for instance, is an "authentic replica" of the original circa 1805 building, which was constructed between 1979 and 1982. And the buildings on the grounds of the old Sonoma Mission are reproductions that were completed about 1903, recreating the original circa 1840 structures.

Founded: This is a term that is commonly used on historic plaques outside churches or other buildings used for large group meetings such as Masonic halls. It refers only to the year in which a church's congregation, or a lodge chapter, was first organized.

The term "founded" does not usually correspond to the construction date of the current building on a given site because in the vast majority of cases, the original building on that site was torn down and

replaced by a larger or more up-dated building. Thus, visitors to his- toric sites should read the historic plaques carefully to discern the ac- tual date of construction of the build- ings they are looking at.

Victorian: This is one of the most often misused terms in archi- tectural history. It refers to any struc- ture built in an English-speaking country during the years of Queen Victoria's reign, i.e. 1837 to 1901. It does not mean any building with lots of wooden or plaster ornament on it, commonly referred to as "gingerbread", (a term that I feel should be banned from the English lan- guage).

Thus, any structure built during Queen Victoria's reign, from a plain wooden dog house to the sixty-five room Vanderbilt mansion at New- port Rhode Island, can be properly called Victorian, since the term does not refer to a style but an era.

Edwardian: This term is similar to Victorian, in that it refers to any structure built in English-speaking countries during the reign of Victoria's son and successor, King Edward. Thus this term also refers to an era, and not to any one style.

However, English architectural historians decided to extend the definition of the Edwardian Era four years beyond the end of his reign in 1910, up to the start of World War One in 1914. Thus, Edwardian refers to any structure built between 1901 and 1914.

Neoclassic: Design elements borrowed from ancient Classical architecture. Primarily, these ele- ments were; columns or pilasters, cornice lines at the top of a wall, triangular pediments above doors or windows, and the four deco- rative orders of Greek and Roman columns.

In many neoclassic buildings, beginning in the Renaissance and continuing through Post Modern design, these elements are borrowed more freely and used more loosely than in strictly accurate Classical Revival structures.

Barge Board: This refers to a decorative strip of wood that lines the eaves of a steeply-pitched gable.

Such pieces of wood can be plain or very ornate.

They were originally found on Gothic style houses or churches of the later Middle Ages throughout Europe.

Barge boards were reintroduced on Victorian Era Gothic-Revival homes and churches in England and the United States. In the eastern and southern U.S., such decorative strips of wood are usually referred to as "verge boards".

Buttress: A vertical support along a wall surface, often applied to the side or rear walls of Ro- manesque and Gothic style churches.

The two main types of buttresses are clasping, i.e. attached to the wall along its entire length, and flying, i.e. detached from the wall along part or most of its length, and connected to the wall at the top.

Numerous examples of flying buttresses exist in the East Bay, some of them on masonry houses such as the c. 1842 Vallejo Adobe, at Niles Boulevard and Nursery Avenue in Fremont.

Flying buttresses are extremely

The new year's an appropriate time to provide some in-depth definitions of the most frequently used architectural terms.

rare in the East Bay, and one of the few authentic examples are the wooden flying buttresses on the Sunday School wing of the First Christian Science Church at Dwight Way and Bowditch in Berkeley which was designed in 1927 by Maybeck protege Henry Guttererson.

Bay: Contrary to much popular belief, the term bay does not mean a type of window, nor were bay windows named for the San Francisco Bay Area.

A bay is any section of a wall area that is divided by large vertical features, such as windows or but- tresses. In most residential archi- tecture, bays are primarily used to place windows to admit more light into the interior.

Bays can be slanted, angled, or rounded in shape. One of the most

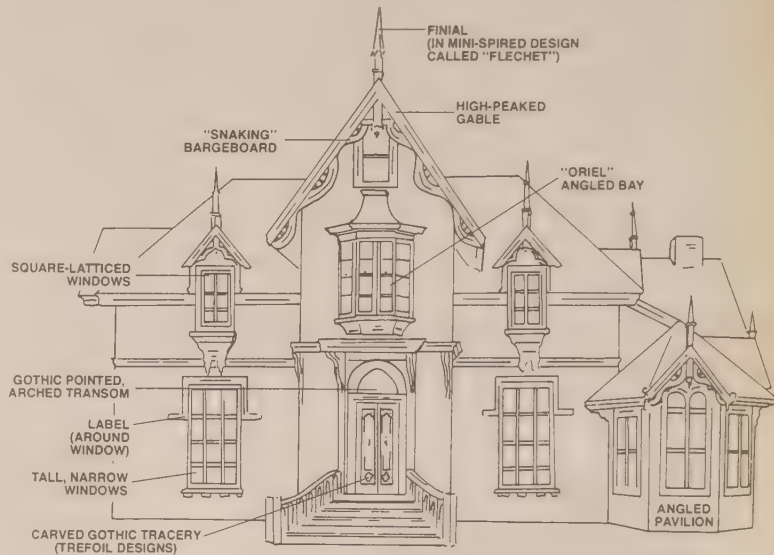
common types of bays found on historic homes in the Bay Area is the slanted bay on Italianate Victorian houses, which have three win- dows, one in each of its three sides.

Some of the earliest bay win- dows in America were the rounded bay windows used on Federal style row houses from the early 1800s, on Beacon Hill in Boston, where the occupants could overlook Boston's "Back Bay" area.

Bracket: A piece of wood or stone projecting from a vertical sur- face to give support to a horizontal element, such as a cornice line.

Brackets are by definition func- tional features, since they support the weight of whatever part of a building is above them. They al-

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Easements: a primer

Recent articles have discussed various types of interests that arise with respect to real property. Primarily I have focused on the concept of an estate, whether freehold (fee simple and life estates), non-freehold or leasehold, all of which denote some type of possessory interest in the affected property.

There are also what are known as lien interests, such as those created by a mortgage lender and those which fall under the heading of easements, the subject of this week's column.

Unlike the interest that arises from the existence of an estate interest, that created by an easement is considered by the law to be non-possessory in nature although it may be (and usually is) permanent in duration.

Interest in land of another

Essentially, an easement is an interest in the land of another which entitles the easement holder to a limited use of that land. Most often, this interest arises from the fact that the easement holder owns an adjoining or nearby parcel and thus is said to be for the benefit of that parcel.

In the eyes of the law, the benefited parcel is then known as the dominant tenement, while the burdened property becomes known as the servient tenement. The easement itself is said to be appurtenant to the dominant tenement (benefited parcel). Once created, it becomes attached to that title and "runs with the land," i.e., goes with the property when it is sold or otherwise transferred.

The owner of the servient tenement (burdened property) remains free to use the land as long as he or she does not interfere with the uses granted by the easement. Thus, a property owner may grant an ingress/egress easement (e.g., a shared driveway) over his or her land to an adjoining property owner and continue to use the same area for ingress/egress as long as he or she doesn't interfere with his neighbors' rights to do so.

Sometimes, easements are held by other than neighboring property owners, such as in the case of public utility easements. Such an easement is said to be "in gross," instead of "appurtenant." This terminology indicates that the easement does not run with the land despite changes of

ownership but is specific to the particular easement holder, whether an individual or an entity such as a power company.

Get it in writing

Easements, because they create an interest in the real property of another, should be in writing and recorded in the county in which the property is located. Failure to record an easement may result in enforcement problems against a subsequent purchaser of the burdened property who does not otherwise receive notice of the existence of the easement when he or she buys the property.

By definition, so-called prescriptive easements, which may arise if someone other than the record owner has been using the property, or some portion of it, openly and without permission for at least five years, are not created by a written instrument and, therefore, do not show up on the record.

Such easements are discoverable only by disclosure and/or by inspection of the property. A seller has a legal duty to disclose the existence of such an easement to a prospective purchaser. Unfortunately, an owner may not always be aware of the uses to which his or her property has been put by others.

A new set of keys?

Take the example of the absentee owner whose tenants have—for many years and without the owner's permission or knowledge—accessed a rear yard parking area by means of the owner's driveway. Eventually the tenants vacate the premises and the owner sells the property. The buyers move in and proceed to build

a fence around the property, including a locked gate across the driveway.

Two weeks later, they receive a letter from the neighbors' attorney informing them that a prescriptive easement exists in favor of his clients for ingress and egress and demanding that the gate be removed immediately. The best advice the new owners' attorney may be able to give them is to have another set of keys made for the neighbors as an alternative to removing the brand new gate.

Always inquire

Easements are very common in California and should be inquired about when purchasing property. The existence of recorded easements will be disclosed on the preliminary report provided by the title company. Before signing off on approval of that report, you should always order a copy of each recorded easement and read it carefully to be sure its terms are acceptable to you.

Learning about the existence or potential existence of prescriptive easements takes a bit more work and, frankly, may not be successful at the time of purchase. At a minimum, the seller and any tenants in residence should be asked about any non-owner uses of the property they are aware of and how long such uses may have been going on.

Take a hard look

In addition, the property should be inspected for signs of such uses, such as a shared driveway, and the neighbors talked to in an attempt to determine the extent of any

An easement is an interest in the land of another, which entitles the easement holder to limited use of the land.

rights to the use of your property which they may think they have acquired.

The good news is that recent cases have made it clear that such easements, even when proved, can never be on an exclusive basis because that would be the equivalent of depriving the property owner of that portion of his property even though, in fact, he continues to own it.

Conversely, property owners should be alert to the possibility of unwittingly allowing such claims to arise. Fencing property and/or posting a sign denying use to non-owners before five years have passed should be sufficient to defeat anyone's claim to a prescriptive easement.

If you are agreeable to such

non-owner uses but simply want it to be considered a license instead, you can grant what is known as a license. A license is a revocable permission to do whatever it is that you agree to do, creates no prescriptive right, an easement whatsoever. If you decide to grant such a license, however, you are well advised to have it drafted by an attorney.

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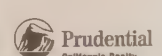
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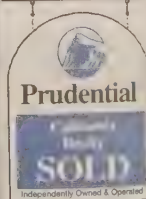


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TARPOFF & TALBERT

Number 224 in a series of true experiences in real estate

At my house we enjoy fires in the fireplace pretty much anytime of the year, but in winter we get serious. On either side of the hearth is a consistently replenished assortment of logs and kindling, baskets and cardboard boxes of dry fuel at the ready.

Friends know of our fireplace obsession, of course, and this year several gave us fire-related Christmas gifts, my favorite of which is the "Split 'n Kindle Set." The set consists of a lightweight ax, and, weighing only slightly more, a short-handled maul, both new and sharp and gleaming.

Our friend Jody who has trimmed and cut down trees for us, climbing high into the tops and making us gasp, arrived with this terrific gift about a week before Christmas. It happened that another friend Michael was there and when he saw what the box contained, he jumped up and down like a little boy and asked if he could try it out. Then off he raced to the backyard to split everything in sight.

Michael was joyous. Apparently these were great tools. We asked if Michael had his own. Oh, yes, he said, at least a dozen variations but he's always interested in trying new ones and these were good. We would love splitting wood, he assured us, and Jody agreed.

Jody knows how we feel about

Fireplace fun; winter is time to get serious

fires. He's seen how we stack and cover our wood, protect it from the elements. He's seen my garage, seen the stockpile of kindling there. And he's brought us contributions, most recently oak and cedar he got from someone who didn't want it.

Jody loaded up his truck and brought it right over. Then he built wood stackers in the yard for me, crib-like structures to contain the bounty. He even showed me how to

them. Michael had picked a slab that gently slopes, he explained, so that any piece of wood, square on the end or not, would stand upright. He demonstrated. Then he went home.

That was when I tried the ax and the maul for the first time. I grabbed a chunk of cedar, a piece about the size and shape of a shoe box, stood it on end, raised the ax up and brought it down fast. Clunk! And a

We set aside fuel for family warmth. Cruel rain, howling wind, cold snap can not touch us.

crisscross the end pieces to give strength to the piles.

A couple of days after Jody brought the Christmas present, a package arrived in the mail from other friends. Inside were pine cone color kits. That's what I call them. These are cellophane-wrapped pine cones, two or three to a packet, that have been coated with some sort of color-making compound. Added to the fire, a packet slowly transforms into a ball of deepest azure blue flame reminding me of the pure light from a welding torch.

I wish I knew what to put on pine cones to get this effect. Maybe I could make my own packets. I added a basket of the pine cones to the hearthside collection.

Then Michael showed up again. He said he had something in his truck he thought we could use, went away for a minute and carried in a redwood slab, a slice from the trunk of a redwood tree, the kind people use for stepping "stones."

It is a chopping block, a support for standing logs on while splitting

piece split off from the whole. It was wonderful. I did it again.

Just a few tries told me that good aim is a real help in splitting. My aim is fair and with concentration, I did better. The pieces of wood I was working on didn't really need to be split. They were small enough to burn as they were. But I like fooling with the fire, poking it, provoking it into constant flames, and small pieces of wood work best. Besides, I was greatly enjoying the chopping.

I chopped lots of different pieces. I tried the maul on larger pieces of oak. Sometimes I could barely make a dent in them. Sometimes I didn't hit hard enough. The maul bounced off or the blade got stuck an inch or so down from the top of the piece and had to be pounded through or wrenched free.

My back began to ache, so I switched to splitting cedar shingles. My collection of wood roof shakes is extensive. Last summer my neighbor replaced his shake roof. Tons of

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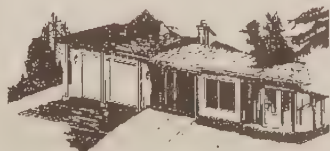
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Internet real estate scams

By H. W. Moss

Real estate brokers who arrange loans, either by soliciting borrowers or lenders, must meet new Department of Real Estate (DRE) reporting and disclosure laws in 1998.

The bill, SB 795, was carried by Senator Quentin Kopp after he was burned by an unscrupulous Sonoma loan broker. In addition to lowering reporting thresholds effective in January, on July 1 it will require mortgage brokers to publish their license number as well as a telephone number where people can call and verify the license status.

Internet included

And in case you were wondering, the DRE has interpreted existing agent disclosure laws to include the Internet even though the electronic highway was only a dirt path when the law was created.

These and a few other screws are being tightened by legislators and regulators intent on keeping one of the most highly visible industries in the country on the up and up.

That's because real estate has historically had a bad reputation since it easily lends itself to flim-flam and deceit. Charles Dickens painted a grim picture of American real estate scams in "Martin Chuzzlewit" and Florida swampland was being sold as prime development property well into this century.

If it sounds too good...

Trouble is, it could happen again and here is an example. If there was any doubt that Internet scams exist, consider the following which arrived last week. Every exclamation mark and capital letter in the sales pitch is repeated just as it appeared in the junk e-mail.

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Apart from the misuse of the planet's newest frontier, there is no indication what, exactly, is being offered nor by whom. It is also incorrect. As anyone who follows the business news knows, only a few Internet businesses have become profitable.

And liability exists even in the virtual world. Consider the recent lawsuit filed by angry investors against E-Trade, a brokerage firm that is considered to be one of those few profitable Net companies.

The connection

What does this have to do with real estate? Well, licensed professionals are under the same constraints on the Internet as they are in newspapers, magazines and other electronic media. They cannot make false or specious claims, they cannot induce unsophisticated people to purchase or sell property and they must disclose their license status on their Web pages.

The Business and Professions Code states that licensees shall not cause to be published in a newspaper or periodical or by mail anything which does not contain a designation of their licensed status, according to Les Bettencourt, of-

fice manager of the DRE in San Francisco.

Disclosure required

"We are interpreting 'periodical' to mean Internet," Bettencourt said. "There are other code sections that have to do with lending and loans that are more specific." Bettencourt noted that such disclosure is required whenever a licensee is acting in any matter pertaining to any activity for which a license is required.

Various words or abbreviations fulfill the requirement for disclosure: broker, agent, Realtor, loan correspondent or similar terms. This alerts people to the fact that this is licensed activity.

But this particular disclosure, unlike many others, is not meant merely for the edification of the public. When real estate professionals respond to an advertisement they want to know if they are dealing with a principal or another broker before they get in a conversation.

"Having just a description of a property and a name and address, that doesn't cut it," Bettencourt said. "You don't know if they are the owner or performing as an agent."

Better be licensed

Furthermore, it is illegal for unlicensed people to advertise on the Net activities for which a license is required. That includes property management, loan and real estate brokering.

Senator Kopp's new law seeks to place more restrictions on mortgage brokers through the DRE. From now on, every broker placing ten or more loans in an aggregate amount of \$1 million must comply with new annual reporting requirements.

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CALI-FLORA



JAN HALL

A small shrub or perennial that can be found in many Northern California gardens is *Salvia leucantha* - commonly known as Mexican sage. Since I find this plant has a variety of uses, I refer to it as a much-used specimen, others may refer to it as an overused plant.

Mexican sage is a great addition to the dry garden, lending color for practically the entire year. When flowers are deadheaded the plant will respond by putting out new flowers. To grow Mexican sage at its optimum plant in full sun (it can handle light shade), give it infrequent summer watering and make sure there is good drainage.

Mexican sage produces six to 12 inch whorls of fuzzy flowers along a stem that rises above the hairy blue-green foliage. Flower color is usually purple with white - the flower consists of a purple calyx with a two lipped white flower. There is a cultivar called "midnight" that produces both a purple calyx and purple petals, while a lesser-seen cultivar produces pink flowers.

With annual pruning the Mexican sage becomes three to four feet in width and about two to three feet in height during one growing season. Mexican Sage that is unpruned can grow to about six feet in width in a couple of years.

Books recommend that in February or March the Mexican sage

Mexican sage great dry garden addition

should be cut to the ground. I find that I usually cut mine back in December or January. To determine when to cut back I check to see when new growth emanates from the base.

If I do not cut back my sage at that point, then I find that the plant can get woody and leggy. Many people allow their sage to grow unpruned - probably because they do not want to cut back a flowering plant. An unpruned Mexican sage gets old before its time and begs removal due to its woodiness.

My enthusiasm for the plant stems from its adaptability to the

along the side of a driveway in front of a solid wooden fence - a bold monochromatic statement.

In my own gardens I have Mexican sage in three different areas of the yard. One is planted against a solid wooden fence in front perennial garden. Training the fence above the sage I have Trumpet vine (*Dioscorea buccinctoria*) whose large magenta green leaves and large blood red flowers provide a great contrast to the blooming Mexican sage.

In the rear yard I have a bed

Mexican sage can be used as an intermediary shrub that snakes its way through the length of the garden

landscape, hummingbirds love it and I can use the flowers in floral arrangements. As a transplant from Massachusetts where hummingbirds are a rare occurrence, I plant extensively to attract the little beasts. I never cease to be amazed by their antics.

Mexican sage can be used in the garden as a background, foreground or intermediary shrub that snakes its way through the length of the garden. Individual plants can add a large, long lasting splash (actually more like a cloudburst) of color in a perennial garden.

As long as the garden bed is about four feet wide to accommodate the breadth of the plant, planting the sage in an entire garden bed

two Grecian bay (*Laurus nobilis* 'Saratoga') and one edible ('brown turkey'). Snaking through the middle of this bed are Mexican sages. The rest of the bed is planted with other purple yellow perennials.

The third use of the sage is as a perennial garden opposite the garden. One is used as a background shrub, hummingbird attractor and way to visually tie the two gardens together.

Most likely many of you have Mexican sage somewhere in your yard. Easy to care for and attractive for most of the year the Mexican sage would surely show its appreciation if you give it a major pruning sometime in January or February.

Jan Hall is the owner of Phyton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 6946.

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bone dry, brittle shingles were there for the picking. Anet and I, hammers in hand, knocked the nails out of them and neatly stood them on end in containers. Now these containers are stored in my garage, easily carried one at a time to the fireplace as needed.

The shakes are about 20 inches long, about as perfect for kindling as can be, especially those that splintered along their length when they were removed from the roof. Others came off whole and because they are as thick or thicker than a

slice of bread, they take longer to catch on fire. These, I figured, could use some splitting.

And so I started in. What fun, what pleasure. Stand up a shingle, hold it with one finger, bring down the ax into one of the little grooves on the top edge. Whack, split. Whack, split. In a few minutes, I have a pile of inch-wide redwood fire starters. It's very satisfying.

Jody also brought one day a quantity of boards, probably fir, about the same length as the shakes. They look like something someone intended to use to build wooden boxes. I remembered them and rushed to the garage to bring a few to the chopping block. Oh, yes, these split

like butter. Lovely little slices, just right for using on top of the redwood when starting a fire.

Back and forth I went, splitting. Flakes of cedar. Split, sliver, split. Blades of redwood and fir. All this firewood activity makes me feel like a pioneer. Gather, sort, protect. Set aside fuel for the family, warmth on a future day. Cruel rain, howling wind, cold snap cannot touch us.

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Ooopses and Oh-my's

Most of the news these days is negative — earthquakes, 200-year pezzes, floods, seams and poor construction cover the front pages and nightly news.

I think of the saying: "One oops! will cancel out all previous oh-my's" reflects this focus on the negative. We'd rather see a story about a house that fell down in the earthquake than one about all the ones that didn't.

Construction news is full of sto-

ries like the one about the woman who fell through her dining room floor because 10 years earlier a pest control inspector had accidentally caused the flue pipes in the subarea to be disconnected from the heater and the resultant elevated humidity had caused the floor to rot.

Three sheet metal screws costing 60 cents would have saved her not only a sprained ankle but \$12,000 worth of repair work. That's definitely an "Ooops!"

The "Ooops!" story usually wipes out a lot of stories about plumbing that works or wonderful no-wax floor cover in the newly remodeled kitchen, stories that I refer to as "Oh-my's". There are lots of "Oh-my's", but they tend to get shoved out of our consciousness by the "Ooopses."

I recently got to look at a new house that was being built by a craftsman, a contractor's contractor, a homeowner's dream. This house was one "Oh my" after another, starting with the concrete driveway.

I realize that it's hard to get excited about a driveway, but, being an expert witness kind of guy, I have spent far too many hours crouched on a concrete driveway with a soils expert, a concrete engineer, a structural engineer, a defense lawyer, a prosecution lawyer and assorted other "Ooops!" specialists, examining at close range a 1.23 mm crack in somebody's driveway. A crack-free driveway is a definite "Oh my."

In addition to the lovely driveway, there was the walkway leading from the driveway to the front door — a work of art. It had river rock artistically set in mortar, so that it looked beautiful in addition to being properly installed for drainage.

The siding on the house was a nicely stained redwood that had a hidden nailing pattern and mitered corners fine enough to have come from a cabinetmaker.

The custom-made front door was one of a kind, made by a local craftsman and far less expensive than a millions-sold window/door company unit.

As I walked through I was delighted by the marble work on the floor of the front hallway. It had a beautiful pattern cut around the perimeter with the center marble pieces laid with the natural grain of the marble to create an effect of one slab instead of a bunch of random pieces.

Looking into the interior of the house, I could see the many vaulted ceilings done in the 1930s. Art Deco style, and the moldings that had been treated with a faux finish to make them look like the now nearly-extinct olive wood that was so commonly used for trim in houses of years past. This wood, which once cost about the same as very cheap pine, is now more expensive than black walnut. It is so expensive that it is sold not by the board foot like most lumber but by the pound like import caviar.

Sheet metal screws costing 60 cents would have saved her a sprained ankle and \$12,000 worth of repair work.

My tour had to stop all too soon because the contractor needed to go back to work, but I was glad to spend some time with a houseful of "Oh-my's" instead of "Ooopses" as I so often do.

The builder and I spoke for a few minutes longer and I invited him to tour a few of my "Oh-my" projects, which he said he was delighted to do.

He and I both agree that the kind of workmanship he had achieved is often more a matter of knowledge than of expensive materials and labor. And the "Ooopses" or the lawsuits that I am more accustomed to looking at usually need not have occurred if the work had been done properly to begin with.

For example, the driveway with the crack in it would not have cost a penny more if it had been done properly the first time.

I can't write enough about problems — readers that write and call me affirm again and again that there are many problems, but, with diligence on the part of consumers and contractors our "Ooopses" can be fewer and the "Oh-my's" could be their norm.

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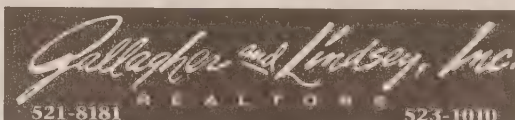
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421 Greenbrier Rd. - \$291,000	226 Trinity Ave. - \$405,000
721 Harbor Dr. - \$246,500	OAKLAND
36 Invincible Ct. #25F - \$330,000	1952 100th Ave. - \$118,000
1109 Otis Dr. - \$325,000	1939 41st Ave. - \$145,500
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15 Stone Harbor - \$418,000	3557 Calafia Ave. - \$141,500
3290 Thompson Ave. - \$207,000	724 Calmar Ave. - \$239,000
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HIGHEST PRICE: \$480,000
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ALBANY
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LOWEST PRICE: \$118,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$191,125
BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 20
LOWEST PRICE: \$87,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$235,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$265,275
EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$235,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$186,200
EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$163,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$197,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$180,000
EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$74,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$152,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$107,625
KENSINGTON
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$300,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$405,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$352,500
OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 48
LOWEST PRICE: \$85,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$645,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$246,239
PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$339,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$760,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$534,666
RICHMOND
TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$88,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$239,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$177,687
SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$208,117
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TOTAL SALES: 9
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HIGHEST PRICE: \$201,000
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ways form right angles along their back side, easily seen when viewed from the side.

Therefore, brackets are never purely decorative, though on Victorian buildings they often had ornate patterns carved into their surfaces.

Cupola: A small, usually single story room resting on top of the roof of a building.

Thus, cupolas have no base of their own, like towers do, which begin at the foundation line and rise above the roof line. Cupolas are common features on Victorian Era villas, or houses of two or more stories with a cupola or a tower.

The Enoch Pardee Mansion, built in 1868 at 11th and Castro in Oakland, is a superb example of a Victorian Italianate style villa with a cupola atop its roofline.

Portico: A column porch which is not as wide as the facade of the building from which it projects. Porticos are often found on Greek Revival style homes of the early 1800s, but they should not be confused with a full temple front, which is a column porch that is as wide and as tall as the facade of the building to which it is attached, as ancient Greek and Roman temples always had.

The most famous example of a Greek Revival portico on a house in the United States is the south portico of the White House in Washington DC, seen almost every night on the evening news. Porticos were also commonly used on Victorian Era Italianate style homes.

A particularly fine example of this narrower, one story type of portico can be found on the Anthony House, built in 1876 at 1630

Central Ave. in Alameda's Coast area.

Hipped Roof: A roof with low-sloping sides, like a pyramid. A hipped roof may reach a point at the top, end in a ridge along the top, or be flat on top, (often referred to as a "deck-on-hip" roof).

Hipped roofs were commonly used on Colonial Era Georgian homes, and revived on Neo-Georgian Colonial Revival homes in the early 1900s. A prime example of this feature can be seen on 1904 McCreary House, at 21 Durant St. in Berkeley.

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What has the 35-second shot clock wrought? Yawn

addition of the clock hasn't had much impact, but it should help the more talented teams.

By Jeff Sepulveda

Just when you thought it was time to watch a high school boys basketball game ... revolution! Well, not really. But change, yes. This season, for the first time, California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) boys basketball games are being played with a shot clock.

The boys game will have a 35-second clock. Girls CIF sanctioned games have had a 30-second clock for quite some time. While there have been a few minor snafus — which are to be expected with any new mechanical device and object of attention for timers, scorekeepers, referees, and coaches — the response to the shot clock

has been quite minor. With nearly all schools having employed the clock in girls games for years, their operation is no mystery.

While the 24-second shot clock is credited with revolutionizing the NBA game, and the 45-second clock instituted years back by the NCAA was ballyhooed as an end to "four corners" stall tactics, the shot clock in most boys high school games thus far this season hasn't played a significant role.

According to El Cerrito boys basketball coach Chris Huber, the reason for the implementation of the shot clock is to prevent stalling tactics by lesser talented teams.

"There were games, maybe one or two per year, where teams would just sit on the ball. They knew they were going to lose, so they figured it would be better to keep the score close than to lose by 20-30 points or more. The shot clock is meant to prevent that."

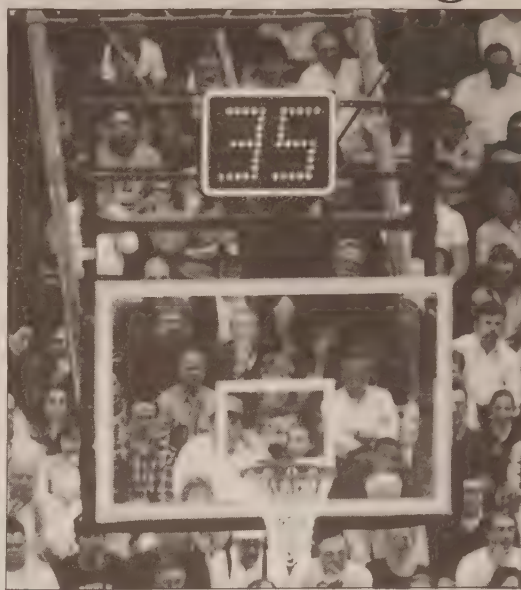
So far this season, the shot clock

has been a visible factor when there has been a snafu or at the end of a period, when teams sometimes hold the ball and let the clock wind down in order to ensure that they have the last possession of the period. Otherwise, 35 seconds seems like an eternity in a game which has only eight minutes in each quarter.

EC's Huber hasn't seen much of an impact in either a positive or negative way.

"There have been a couple of mistakes by officials and timekeepers here or there," he said. "But I don't think it has affected many teams one way or the other. But I do think it will help teams with better talent, as it forces teams to play rather than just stall."

According to Huber, the rule had been "debated and hashed over and over for years" before being implemented this summer. For basketball fans who like action rather than "stall ball," they were given a gift from the CIF.



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— CHRIS HUBER, EL CERRITO COACH

are intact Gauchos ready for St. Joe?

plays at Pilots next Tuesday in first ACCL showdown of the season.

By Jeff Sepulveda

With holiday break over, the El Cerrito boys basketball team stands on the brink of the Alameda-Contra Costa League season battle-tested and confident. With three major tournaments under their belts and a 10-3 record, the Gauchos are ready to make a run at a North Section Division III title. The last week of 1997 was another busy one for EC, as it competed in the Alhambra tournament. Martinez. After easily winning the first two games, the Gauchos hosted Alhambra in the finale on New Year's Eve and lost, 77-70. The victory was a bit hollow for Alhambra, however, as EC was out stars Andrew Gooden and Harris who were absent due to family holiday travel commitments. Gooden missed all three games, while Harris played in the two and missed the final. Monte Jernigan stepped into the void and poured in 30 points in the effort. Unfortunately for EC, Jernigan's teammates struggled offensively, with Jeremiah King's points leading the rest of the team. EC started hot against the Bulls, scoring 19 first quarter points. Alhambra used hot shooting to take a 36-35 halftime lead.

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Berkeley's Nicole Hardaway goes after the ball and saves it to teammate Robin Robecson.

File Jeff Lindquist

Warning redux: better get ready for Lady Jackets

By Jelani Harper

The Lady Yellowjackets have returned from their cross country road trip a tad bit wearied, and a whole lot wiser.

"If we learned anything from our trip, the two things we learned was that free throws are just as important as any part of our game, because if we had hit a reasonable amount we could have won all three of the games we lost," explained Berkeley girls basketball coach Gene Nakamura. "And the other part is we learned we could play with anybody in the U.S., which is what I went out there to do."

So the Jackets learned two valuable lessons, although one was a little more practical than the other. The road trip over the holidays to which Nakamura alludes, began at the Santa Barbara Tournament of Champions and ended in a tournament in Milwaukee. Along the way the Jackets faced some of the toughest competition in the country, picked up a fourth place trophy in Santa Barbara, and finished the trip 3-3.

Interestingly enough, it seemed that free throws were the main difference between a Jackets win and loss, because they shot horribly from the line in all three of their losses.

"We shot 11-for-20 in our loss against Christ the King (N.Y.), 7-for-19 against Mountain View (Utah), and were 6-of-20 against

Milwaukee Washington," Nakamura said. "So, the teams that we played hit their free throws and we didn't hit ours, and when we had to foul them at the end to try to make them close they dumped them all."

The Jackets met up with King, the No. 1 ranked prep team in the nation, in the semifinals in Santa Barbara, and lost, 71-61. However,

the Jackets were without some of their key players.

"We were actually beating them until my starting point guard, Coriel Davis

'All I can say is, they better be ready for us.'

— GENE NAKAMURA, BERKELEY COACH

got hurt," explained Nakamura. "She got elbowed in the nose and I thought it was broken it was bleeding so much. So I had to pull her out of the game. Then shortly thereafter, Aisha Hollans got her second and third fouls so I had to pull her. So my leading scorer and point guard were out of the game, and at the time we were up, 18-12."

The Jackets lost the ensuing consolation game to Mountain View, 67-61, then flew onto Milwaukee a few days later where they were beaten by Washington, 64-51, in a game in which they were noticeably tired.

"We were road-weary against Washington, from the Santa Barbara tournament and the plane flight," said Nakamura. "We arrived there late Friday and had to play the following Saturday. The other team had scouted us before

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Now inexperienced Lady Panthers will be game-tested



By Jeff Sepulveda

St. Mary's High girls soccer team has kept a low profile so far this season. The Lady Panthers enter the heart of the Alameda-Contra Costa League schedule this week with two games, which matches the total the team played in all of the preseason.

Girls soccer is a new sport at SM, this being only the second year the school has fielded a varsity squad. As may be expected, the players themselves are quite young, with three freshmen forwards, Malia Murphy, Becca Kawaichi, and Nicole Griffin, and only one senior, forward Zeina Saad.

The defense is full of returning players, including sophomore sweeper Elizabeth Quinn, and junior halfbacks Espie Accoe, Vanessa

Haleco, and Sarisa Ransom among the leaders. The goalkeeping is handled by sophomore

'I wanted the girls to develop a sense of camaraderie, get a chance to know each other without getting all stressed out.'

— LUIS PORRAS, ST. MARY'S SOCCER COACH

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File Jeff Lindquist

Sophomore Chrissy Chavez is the Lady Panthers' No. 1 goalie this season.

Are young Cougars ready to play like men?

By Jelani Harper

Albany's boys basketball team is experiencing growing pains.

Not individually, but collectively. The Cougars are on the verge of molding into a mature team with a distinct style of play, but they're still prone to making silly mistakes. They've got to work out their kinks soon, because Friday night they open up Alameda-Contra Costa League play against St. Mary's.

"We kind of expect a few mistakes because we're a young team, but like I told the guys recently, we're not such a

young team anymore," proclaimed coach Doug Kagawa. "We've played 14 games this year, so that's just not an excuse we can lean on anymore."

But despite the Cougars' game experience — they're 4-10 — the fact still remains that the majority of their players are sophomores and juniors. But neither their age nor their record will matter when they take on the Panthers, when they start the ACCL with a clean slate.

"St. Mary's is a big, physical team, and they also have good shooters," Kagawa said. "So we'll definitely have our work cut out for us."

The Cougars recently competed in the Alhambra tournament over the holiday season (along with El Cerrito), where they finished 1-2.

However, in both their losses, they led going into the fourth quarter, when a number of careless errors suddenly cost them.

"We just didn't finish well, we had a lot of turnovers," Kagawa explained. "We made poor decisions, in terms of

like passing the ball to the wrong colored jersey. So, I don't know if that's just a part of youth or whatever, but we kind of just panicked

'We kind of expect a few mistakes because we're a young team ... that's just not an excuse we can lean on anymore.'

— DOUG KAGAWA, ALBANY COACH

down the stretch."

The Cougars opened the tour-

ney against Las Lomas (Walnut Creek), and they led by eight going into the fourth quarter before losing by one. They almost pulled out the victory, but a last minute shot rattled off the rim.

"The play worked, but the shot didn't go down," laughed Kagawa.

Against Sierra the Cougars went into the fourth quarter up by 10, and still ended up losing by five.

"That second game we just couldn't buy a basket, we shot 24 percent," explained Kagawa. "It was like their was a cover on our side of the basket, but we still were right there to win the game. But that's why it was so disap-

pointing to lose those games we were right there to win and then we gave them away errors."

The Cougars closed out tournament by beating Patrick's (Benicia) for the second time this year.

The game against St. Mary's is scheduled to be a home game for Albany, but the Cougars are awaiting clearance from fire marshall to play at Alameda Naval Base. Albany gym was recently torn down due to earthquake safety violations. If the game is not played at the base, it will more likely be played at St. Mary's.

Panthers

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more Chrissy Chavez, who is backed up by sophomore Annie Johnson, who also sees action on a fielder on defense.

With soccer being such a young sport at SM, and the fact that the Panthers are at a severe disadvantage as far as the number of available female athletes, it is natural that the team would be struggling to find a niche.

According to first-year coach Luis Porras, the slow start as far as playing games was a tactical decision, because he wanted to give the team a chance to grow as a unit rather than have a baptism by fire.

"I wanted the girls to develop a sense of camaraderie, get a chance to know each other without getting all stressed out," he said. "We have a lot of players who have played on club teams and in youth programs, but that's not the same as playing together as a team."

According to Porras, nearly 50 girls tried out for either junior varsity or the varsity, an astounding number, considering that the amount of female students at SM

taps out somewhere between 150-200. Practice time has been hard to come by for the Panthers, because the team must share the soccer field, which has no lights, with two boys soccer teams, as well as the JV girls.

SM entered the scheduled game against St. Joseph this past Wednesday with a record of 1-1-1, having beaten Richmond, 3-1, in late December in the ACCL opening game. SM's two pre-season games were also against ACCL foes, and they lost to El Cerrito, 2-0, and tied Salesian, 2-2.

Despite only playing three games, the games SM has played have given indications that they can be competitive in ACCL play. Both EC and Salesian figure to be among the six ACCL teams to qualify for playoff spots, and according to Porras, SM was quite competitive when playing both.

"Against El Cerrito, we pretty much dominated the game, but we were unlucky in that our open shots hit the post. And against Salesian, we scored first and ended up coming back to tie the game."

After taking on St. Joe at home, the Panthers are scheduled to host Alameda on Friday afternoon at 3:30.



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St. Mary's junior halfback Espie Accoe, left, returns for the defense.

Ready

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Alhambra's defense in the third quarter was the difference, as EC could manage a mere seven points.

Not even a furiously paced fourth quarter could draw the Gauchos even. EC scored 28 in the period but gave up 26.

The Dogs were led by a trio of 20-point scorers — Michael Lawon with 25, Brendan Norton (22), and Maurice Spice (20).

The first game of the tourney was a 82-42 blowout win over St. Patrick's (Vallejo). EC was paced by John Carleton's 21 points. Maurice Braxton chipped in 16, and Ryan Kilkenny, pressed into a key role in the absence of Gooden, broke into double figures for the first time this season with 14.

While not reflected in the final score, EC also controlled the semi-final, beating Acalanes 76-68. The Gauchos had a comfortable lead throughout of between 7-10 points, even pushing it to as many as 20 late in the third quarter be-

fore the Dons struggled back.

Jernigan paced the Gauchos with 20 points, while Harris had 18, and King 16.

After the tourney, EC coach Chris Huber was upbeat. "The team played pretty well," he said. "In the final game without Gooden and Harris was tough, but they played them pretty close."

On the improved play of Jernigan, Huber said, "He played really well. He's got a great shot, and he has shot very well recently."

The final tuneup for EC before ACCL play was scheduled for past Wednesday against Berkeley at home. The start of league play on January 14, brings perhaps the toughest game the Gauchos have all year, when they travel to St. Joseph to face the mighty lots on their home floor.

While clearly not relishing the thought of facing one of the elite teams in their gym, Huber was optimistic: "If we can get some defense, we will play well. I think we match up real well with St. Joseph's, but we're probably still a step below them."

Jackets

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and they said we looked tired."

But from then the competition eased for the Jackets, who went on to beat Oconomowoc and Arrowhead Heartland easily. Arrowhead had beaten Washington by five points the week before. Berkeley then trounced Arrowhead.

So, the Jackets will rest for a week and then begin East Bay League play January 13 against Monte Vista on the road. They have a state title to defend, and the first step is, of course, the EBL. When asked about his thoughts on the Monte Vista game, Nakamura replied, "all I can say is, they better be ready for us."

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and the Big Bang

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at the Rep

I Learned to Drive" by Paula Vogel, a funny, surprising, and devastating tale of the troubled relationship of a young woman and the uncle who gives her driving lessons, opens at Berkeley Repertory Theatre Jan. 14 through Feb. 27. The Jan. 14 performance includes a free 6 p.m. pre-show Lecture, with Paula Vogel and artistic director John Yaccone, and Post-play Discussions are scheduled for the performances Jan. 29, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27. Tickets: \$34.50 to \$45. Performances: Tuesday through Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Jan. 22, 2 p.m. and Feb. 19, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Jan. 23, 8:30 p.m. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Details: 845-4700.



Cindy Basco as Uli Bit in Paula Vogel's 'How I Learned to Drive'

Contra Costa Civic's latest

"Don't Dress for Dinner," an old-fashioned farce of mistaken identities, is the next production of the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 1000 Main Ave. in El Cerrito, opening Jan. 16 and playing through Jan. 23. Tickets: \$10 general; \$6 youths. Performances: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, 2 p.m. Details: 524-9132.

ish holidays through children's eyes

ning Sameach (Happy Holiday): Children's Perspectives on Jewish Holidays," an exploration of the traditions and identity of Jewish holidays from the point of view of seventh grade students at El Cerrito Jewish Day School, is on exhibit at the Judah L. Magnes Museum through May 31.

Admission is free. The museum, at 2911 Russell St. in Berkeley, is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details: 549-6950.

gling and song in Albany

Buddy Club presents comedy with Jay the Juggler and singer Spalding on Jan. 11 at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Ave. Albany. Admission: \$6 general; free children age 2 and under. Details: 524-9283.

ts' Dinner

off your dactyls, trot out your trochees, write a poem for the annual Poets' Dinner contest. Theme poem this time around is "In Charge." Other categories are Beginnings and Endings, Nature, Love, Spaces and Places, People, and Poet's Choice. There is no charge to enter. Up to three poems may be submitted, one per category; the postmark deadline is Jan. 21.

The author's identity is revealed when winning poems are read at the Poets' Dinner March 21 at Spenger's in Berkeley, when cash and prizes are awarded. Authors must be present to win.

Entry must be original, unpublished, in English, and not a prize or honorable mention winner. Maximum length is 40 words in any form or style acceptable.

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al observations in lithographs

man Comedy: Lithographs by Honore Daumier," an exhibition of lithographs from the museum's collection that highlight the artist's social observations as well as the clarity with which they were made is at the University of California Berkeley Art Museum from Jan. 14 through March 29.

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z in the Castle

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ke up the band

ateur instrumental musicians interested in rehearsing and performing with a 60-member musical organization are invited to join the Albany Community Orchestra. The group, which meets in the music room at Albany High School, will begin practicing for the winter concert on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Rehearsals are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each week. For the direction of Ernie Douglas, the orchestra will rehearse by Beethoven, Mozart, Bizet, Schubert and Wagner, with performances in March and May.

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Nagano is back and right at home

'Icons' premiere just one highlight of first Berkeley Symphony concert of '98

By Marilyn Tucker

Berkeley Symphony audiences have long had the good fortune of greeting the new year with a major concert. And so it was Saturday in Zellerbach Hall when a hole in Kent Nagano's international commitments allowed Berkeley's homegrown conductor to come home, face the winter deluge and lead a bracing program that featured a world premiere as well as Haydn's "Farewell" Symphony and the Beethoven Violin Concerto.

The premiere was Ross Bauer's "Icons," a 20-minute work for solo bassoon and large orchestra. Bauer is no stranger to the Berkeley Symphony. A couple of years ago, his "Halcyon Birds" was included in one of the orchestra's innovative "Under Construction" sessions in which the orchestra first rehearses and then performs a new piece. The "Icons" commission was a direct result.

While the importance of a major commission cannot be denied, "Icons" is also a kind of love letter. Nagano had specifically asked for a bassoon concerto, and Carla Wilson, the orchestra's longtime principal bassoonist, was the obvious choice as soloist. She is also Ross Bauer's wife, hence the love letter angle.

While no symphony orchestra could get along without a bassoon, there is precious little solo literature for an instrument whose history goes back hundreds of years. The bassoon's beautiful sound, capable of creating a unique blend with almost any other instrument, can also be easily trampled by those instruments when placed in a front-row position.

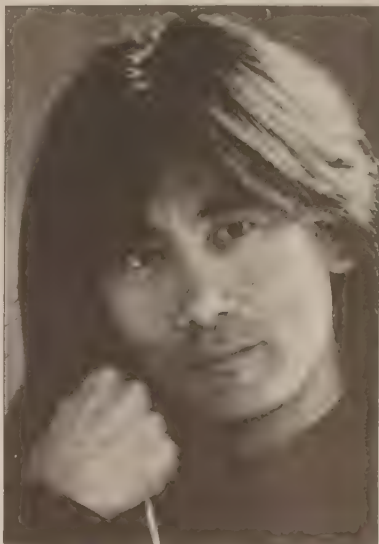
Bauer faced the sonic problem head-on, assuring a listener's attention at the outset with a great splash of upward-moving orchestral sound that the bassoon then grabbed and never let go. As

Program three in the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra's 1997-98 season will be Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. at Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus, when Franz Schubert's *Rosamunde Overture, D. 644*; Johannes Brahms' *Serenade, no. 2, op. 16 A major*; and the world premiere of David Sheinfeld's *E=mc²* are on the playlist. Tickets are \$19 to \$35 (with senior/student discounts). Details or tickets: 841-2800 or 642-9988.

the orchestra retreated, the bassoon was allowed a rare dramatic focus that was extended and developed in such construction details as melodic imitation, repetition, glissandos and an often breathtaking spin on melodic line. One of the best moments came in the dramatic first movement when the orchestra set things up and then handed the challenge over to the bassoon for the requisite cadenza.

In Carla Wilson, the Berkeley Symphony had the ideal soloist for "Icons." She has been a main player on Bay Area music stages for many years. There are more than a few people who can remember when she played with the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra in its glory days, later winning one of the coveted Pepsi-Cola awards in the youth competition co-sponsored by the San Francisco Symphony.

As a soloist, Wilson takes a back seat to no one, including, probably, the timpani or double bass. The bassoon has never been considered high on the list of "feeling" instruments, but not only does her bassoon taken an assertive position when called on, it is also rich in expressive possibilities. The latter attribute brought a special glow to



Berkeley Symphony Orchestra Music Director Kent Nagano returned in between international commitments and didn't miss a beat.

the slow second movement, essentially a trade-off between the bassoon and unpitched percussion.

The last movement moved like the furies. The quick-changing coloristic displays, so cunningly interpreted by Nagano and his troops, brought out the idea of a giant fireworks display. "Icons" was impressive, first note to last.

Few would dispute the notion that the solo violin is one of the most charismatic of instruments. The estimable Stuart Canin made the most of that contention in the Beethoven Violin Concerto, performing with bravura freedom and power. The collaboration between Canin and Nagano was a rich one, giving emphasis to the heroic sensibilities of the work.

Canin's delectable, lyric tone made much of the cadenza, in which the virtuoso stops were pulled out

to the max. Felicitous, too, was the slow movement where the exquisite song of the solo violin heard against plucked strings searched for the profundity that was Beethoven's intention.

The program got off to an exuberant start with Haydn's *Symphony No. 45 in F sharp Minor*, always called "Farewell" and for good reason. This may have been the first piece of music in history that contained a protest over working conditions. The gradual "I'm out of here" movement by all players but two in the last movement brings laughs to modern-day audiences, but it should be remembered that the original court musicians, left without wives and family for long periods of time, won their protest.

The "Farewell" playing was taut and on the mark.

The drawings behind Maybeck's creations

By Carol Benet
Bay City News Service

One of the treasured personalities of Bay Area history is architect Bernard Maybeck.

Maybeck (1862-1957) defined a style that brings historians of art and architecture here in droves. Two of his most famous works, the Palace of Fine Arts built for the Panama Pacific International Exposition of 1915 and his masterpiece, the First Church of Christ Scientist in Berkeley (1915), are still standing.

Currently the Berkeley Art Museum is exhibiting "Bernard Maybeck Drawings." Besides drawings of these two structures, there are exquisite pastels and watercolors of buildings that were ravaged by fire and others that were planned but never built. His vision has been preserved through his art, and unfortunately not by the entire body of his work.

The 40 drawings on display come mostly from the Documents Collection of the College of Environmental Design at the University of California at Berkeley. A few are held in private collections. They range from carefully rendered examples of presentation drawings in the style taught at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, where Maybeck studied as a young man, to the free hand visionary drawings of his later years. This is a lifetime on display.

Starting with "Perspective Sketch of Entrance, Hillside Club, Berkeley" (1906), a pastel and charcoal on heavy brown paper, Maybeck's talent as an artist as well as an architect is visible. In "Elevation of Lintels" (1907), he drew the details of the lintels and arches for the elaborate Andrew C. Larson residence, heavily influenced by the wall paintings of Pompeii.

Maybeck was a showman who loved theatrical designs that would call attention to the set that is the

background for real environments. He planned the gardens around such houses as the Leon J. Roos House in San Francisco, his largest residence of 9,000 square feet, where he included a formal vegetable garden.

He designed a dramatic stairway (unbuilt) that would lead from Market Street all the way up to Twin Peaks. And he was an active member of the Bohemian Club for which he spent many hours planning a Grove Memorial (1910) and stage settings for the club's theatrical presentations. At the same time that he was flashy, dramatic and visionary, Maybeck was producing unobtrusive wooden houses that snuggled into the Berkeley hills. They included simple cottages and artist's studios of natural colors that melded into the environment. The drawings of many of these dwellings exist, but 13 of them were destroyed in a fire in 1923.

Unfinished projects that are preserved by these drawings are fascinating: Maybeck was commis-

sioned by the Hearsts to design a Phoebe Hearst Memorial, a project to include a gymnasium, auditorium and other large and spectacular features. Maybeck took too long in the design or maybe Hearst was preoccupied with San Simeon, but Maybeck's patron eventually lost interest. It was Maybeck's student Julia Morgan who was to complete the women's gymnasium with its gorgeous swimming pool that still stands on the UC-Berkeley campus.

Maybeck could also think small. He designed the frontispiece for his friend Isaac Flagg's book "Circe." Flagg was a professor of classics for whom Maybeck built two houses in the Berkeley hills.

This is a rich exhibition that is pleasantly displayed on the first floor of the museum.

"Bernard Maybeck Drawings" has been extended through Feb. 8.

The best of centuries past coming to St. Alban's

Baroque music and classic comic opera are on the upcoming bills at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St. (at Curtis) in Albany.

On Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. St. Alban's hosts two concerts by baroque ensemble Musica Pacifica (Judith Linsenberg, recorder; Elizabeth Blumenstock, violin; Gonzalo Ruiz, oboe; Roy Whelden, viola da gamba; Charles Sherman, harpsichord), in a program of works by J.S. Bach, Marais, Rameau, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Castello, and others.

Musica Pacifica's program includes baroque favorites by Bach, Vivaldi, and Scarlatti, evocative music of the French Baroque by Marais and Rameau, as well as exciting works by the lesser-known Italian composers, Brescianello, Castello, and Uccellini.

Called "some of the finest

baroque musicians in America" by *American Record Guide*, Musica Pacifica has also received international acclaim for its recent recordings of Bach Trio Sonatas and Marin Marais' *Pieces en trio*, both on the Virgin Veritas label. Their performances and recordings have been praised for their passion, inventiveness, and technical brilliance.

The program will feature two pieces from Musica Pacifica's recent recordings: J.S. Bach's organ trio #2 in E minor, in Linsenberg's original arrangement for recorder, violin, and continuo and Marin Marais' Suite in D major, for recorder, violin, oboe, and continuo. Other works include a rarely heard, unpublished trio sonata for oboe, violin, and continuo by the 18th-century Stuttgart Kapellmeister, G.B. Brescianello; two virtuosic sonatas for recorder, violin, viola

da gamba, and continuo by the 17th-century Venetian composers Dario Castello and Marco Uccellini; harpsichord sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti; Musica Pacifica's colorful arrangement of a suite from Rameau's *Les Indes Galantes*; and a chamber concerto by Vivaldi with solo "riffs" for each of the instruments in turn.

Tickets on sale at the door: \$14 general admission/ \$12 students.

Information: 444-4113 or Linsenberg@compuserve.com.

On Friday Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. and Sunday Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., St. Alban's hosts *Larinda and Vanesio*, a short 18th-century comic opera by Johann Adolf Hasse (premiered Naples, 1726), that is about disguise and stuffy pretention that speaks to modern audiences with a bite foreshadowing the social commentary of Mozart's operas. Larinda disguises herself as a male

dancing and fencing teacher, and then as a countess, to lay a plot to woo Vanesio, an aspiring member of the nouveau riche who is only turned on by money and titles. Nothing is as it seems to be, and the comic situation, loosely drawn from Moliere's *Bourgeois Gentilhomme*, is carried swiftly along by Hasse's engaging music.

Teatro Bacchino, the Bay Area's baroque opera collective, premieres the work in a new English translation. Nadia Mahdi (soprano) stars as Larinda, Pierre-Guy Le Gall White (baritone) as Vanesio. Musical direction by David Monis, stage direction by Jennifer Griesbach, with the music provided by Shira Kammen (baroque violin), David Morlis (baroque 'cello) and Jennifer Griesbach (harpsichord).

Tickets: \$20 regular, \$15 seniors, students. For advance ticket sales and reservations, call 658-3382.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7356
The Name of the Business:
Uncle Wong Chinese Restaurant, 2005 B Main St., Oakland, CA 94611.
is registered by the following owners:
Henry Jia Huang, 1224 40th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.
Jia Liang Huang, 1224 40th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 26, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 26, 1997.
The Journal December 25, 1997, January 1, 8, 15, 1998.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 97-4785
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Uncle Wong, 2005 B Main St., Oakland, CA 94611.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the Contra Costa County on August 7, 1997 under file number 97-4785.
Huang, Henry, 1224 40th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.
Luo, Jian G., 530 Brussels St., San Francisco, CA 94134.

This business was conducted by a general partnership.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 21, 1997.
The Journal December 25, 1997, January 1, 8, 15, 1998.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 93-4012
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Snelling Personnel Service, 2175 North California, Suite 620, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the Contra Costa County on June 30, 1993 under file number 93-4012.
Dornier, Inc., State of California.

This business was conducted by a corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 26, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7419
The Name of the Business:
Little Feather Klearing Service, 1760 Detroit Ave. #15, Concord, CA 94520.
is registered by the following owners:
Alan Wayne Dykman, 1760 Detroit Ave. #15, Concord, CA 94520.
Anne Auresa Dykman, 1760 Detroit Ave. #15, Concord, CA 94520.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 2, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 2, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7824
The Name of the Business:
Plant Technology & Equipment, 904 Wright Ave. #3, Richmond, CA 94804.
is registered by the following owner:
Peter D. McLaughlin, 904 Wright Ave. #3, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 11, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 11, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7459
The Name of the Business:
Extra Car Rental, 2311 Salvia St., Concord, CA 94520.
is registered by the following owner:
Richard Phillip Padluci, 1019 Marie Ave., Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7413
The Name of the Business:
Remax Accord, 45 Quail Ct., Ste. 100, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

is registered by the following owners:
John G. Stadler, 43 Diablo Creek Pl., Danville, CA 94508.
Stephanie A. Stadler, 43 Diablo Creek Pl., Danville, CA 94508.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 2, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7490
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Sucker Punch Records 2) Sucker Punch Songs 3) Watercolor Ego, 745 Balra, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Are registered by the following owners:
Paul Britt, 324 B Connecticut St., San Francisco, CA 94107.
Christopher Ash Moorhead, 818 Galvin Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
David Karin, 745 Balra, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Adam Rosen, 275 Ridgeway Ave. #1, Oakland, CA 94611.
David Black, 237 A Sanchez St., San Francisco, CA 94114.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 4, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7863
The Name of the Business:
Anything Else, 535 Canyon Woods Circle #135, San Ramon, CA 94583.
is registered by the following owner:
Sally L. Kizzer, 535 Canyon Woods Circle #135, San Ramon, CA 94583.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 15, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7549

The Name of the Business:
Zashby Art & Design, 202 Lakeshore Ct., Richmond, CA 94804.

is registered by the following owners:
Darryl Paul Ashby, 202 Lakeshore Ct., Richmond, CA 94804.
Jennifer Ann Zeft, 202 Lakeshore Ct., Richmond, CA 94804.

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7510
The Name of the Business:
Eco-Kind Cleaning Co., 825 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

is registered by the following owners:
Kymberl Sherwood, 825 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Nancy Mojca, 825 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 5, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 5, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7493
The Name of the Business:
Sincerely Skin Face & Body Care, 1782 Clearwood St., Pittsburg, CA 94566.
is registered by the following owner:
Celestine Neesheth, 1782 Clearwood St., Pittsburg, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 4, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7559
The Name of the Business:
American Roof Management, 24670 Marsh Creek Rd., Brentwood, CA 94513.

is registered by the following owner:
Richard L. May, 24670 Marsh Creek Rd., Brentwood, CA 94513.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 1, 1998.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7486
The Name of the Business:
Brentwood Karate Karpo, 3877 Walnut Blvd., Suite EF, Brentwood, CA 94514.

is registered by the following owners:
Randy Verrett, 5580 Merlin Dr., Byron, CA 94514.
Michelle L. Verrett, 5580 Merlin Dr., Byron, CA 94514.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 4, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7574

The Name of the Business:
Mineral Wise Independent Distributors, 320 N Civic Dr. #504, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

is registered by the following owner:
Joy Lynn Supplee, 320 N. Civic Dr. #504, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 2, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 2, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7896

The Name of the Business:
Tepayac Tours, 3540 Chestnut Ave., Concord, CA 94521.

is registered by the following owner:
Federacion Catolica de la Asociacion Guadalupeana, Inc., 3540 Chestnut Ave., Concord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 16, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 16, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7387
The Name of the Business:
The Management And Sales Center, 807 Waterford Place, Suite P O Box 150, Richmond, CA 94804.

is registered by the following owner:
Saundra Davis, 807 Waterford

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 1, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7888

The Name of the Business:
California Dreamgirls, Eastwood Wedding Disc Jockey Services, Drive, Martinez, CA 94553.

Are registered by the following owner:
Brett L. Eastwood, 2298 Forest 2425, Martinez, CA 94553.

These businesses are conducted as sole proprietorships.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 15, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 15, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7374

The Name of the Business:
Amrit Raa Gurmit Preet Singh, Catalina Dr., Hercules, CA 94547.

is registered by the following owner:
Sarpreet S. Rai, 256 Catalina Dr., CA 94547.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7490

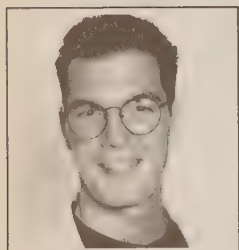
The Name of the Business:
MedStar 1 Medical-Billing Services, grove Way, Antioch, CA 94509.

is registered by the following owner:
Joseph Bullin, 3028 Fremont Ave., CA 94509.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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As I See It

by Dr. Jason A. Deitch

Taking care of our families and ourselves is a full time job. We have to make sure that we have a roof overhead, food on the table, transportation, quality time together, quality time alone, make sure everyone stays healthy and somehow gets plenty of rest. Sometimes it seems like a futile attempt just to keep up.

Like today's most successful businesses we are searching for innovative ways to become more efficient and more effective. We are constantly looking for new hi-tech discoveries, quick fixes and cures, often finding ourselves with more deeply rooted issues down the line. While all of this searching and fixing goes on, we tend to neglect the simple ways to care for our family and ourselves. For many of us, we continue to increase our stress levels while decreasing our effectiveness. We go on hoping that we are lucky enough to stay out of pain and free from

disease.

Most often, being healthy is not a matter of being lucky. Although we are all born with a genetic potential, we live in a world of cause and effect. This means that if we were to have planted a seed in soil, given an appropriate environment and time, we would today have a living plant. This does not take place by accident or luck, it happens on purpose. The same is true if we were to have wisely invested money years ago. We could be appreciating the profits of that financial investment today, also not by accident but on purpose. This principle also holds true in being healthy. The biological rewards that we reap in the future will be in proportion to the investment we make into being healthy each and every day.

Understanding that life is a "process" is a very simple principle that we all under-

stand when applied to learning, making money and relationships. This principle equally applies to getting and staying well. Health is not a thing that you have and lose; it is more like knowledge and wisdom, a result of our life's experience. Investing in our own health becomes more appealing, when we realize the alternative. Believing that we are healthy, until we are in crisis and then responding to it, is much like waiting until a car is broken down on the side of the road before realizing we should have taken care of it. Or waiting until creditors are calling us on the phone to realize that the pain is so bad that maybe it's about time we started taking care of our responsibilities.

Albert Einstein once said, "The world we have created today has problems which cannot be solved by thinking the way we thought when we created them." When applying Einstein's idea to our present belief about being healthy, this suggests that a solution to how to get and stay well should be explored by thinking differently. When we think differently about how to be healthy, we ask new questions and often come up with new conclusions. That is exactly why millions of families are getting and staying healthy by keeping well adjusted. Although this is a new way of thinking for many of us, history teaches us that change only comes from doing something different. People that were brave enough to think differently founded our United States of America.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7732
The Name of the Business:
1835A, 1835 Trinity Ave., #9, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 12, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 17, 1997. The Journal January 8, 15, 22, 29, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-7666
The Name of the Business:
Design House, 5201 Silva Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an individual.
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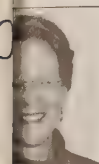
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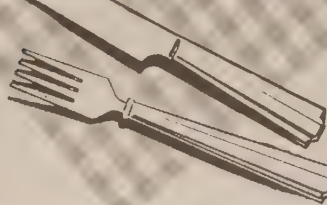
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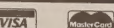
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Broadway at Piedmont/Oakland
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CHEVROLET 1992 Blazer. Full size. #306295. \$16,995.
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CHRYSLER 1996 Town & Country Van. All comforts. #227107. \$20,980.
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ORD 1999 Omni. 118K, looks ugly, runs great. New clutch and timing belt. \$400. #35-0468.

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ORD 1996 Mustang. Convertible! Clean! #60311. \$14,995.
The New Broadway Volkswagen
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ORD 1993 Tempo. Auto, Air. #156966. \$5,995.
The New Broadway Volkswagen
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ORD 1992 Explorer XLT. Loaded with leather. #339641. \$12,995.
The New Broadway Volkswagen
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ORD 1992 Explorer Eddie Bauer. 108K miles. New leather. Loaded, well maintained. Must see! \$11,000! Best offer. \$10-530-6244.

ORD 1991 Explorer XLT. More in stock. #84678. \$10,988.
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ORD 1987 Taurus GL 4 cylinder, new transmission. Cruise control, power windows, power steering, air conditioning, AM/FM cassette stereo. Clean. \$2195! Best offer. Call: 10-482-2819.

ORD 1978 F-150, runs good. Rebuilt engine. New steel Exhaust pipe. \$1200 or best offer. #7-0683.

MC 1996 Yukon. 4 door, 4x4, Fully fitted. #18-08. \$28,988.
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MC 1995 Extended Cab Z71 SLE. All upgrades. #K miles. #530899.
Connell Auto Center
Broadway at Piedmont/Oakland
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ONDA Cam for \$100. Seized and sold locally. #10-900-522-2730 and 2714.

ONDA 1997 CRX. 5 speed, 93K miles, A/C, new tires, complete service records. Reliable. \$2900. Best offer. 482-3391.

BUZU 1988 Trooper II, 4 wheel drive, 2 door, 5 speed, runs great. \$2800. 510-523-1331.

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MAZDA 1993 MPV Wagon. All upgrades. #937355. \$11,980.
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Broadway at Piedmont/Oakland
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MAZDA 1987 323. 4 door, 139K miles, A/C, automatic, clean. \$1900. 658-4608.

MERCEDES 1972 260SE. 4.5 liter, 8 cylinder, well maintained, full out stereo, alarm, 100K original. Great car! \$3500 best offer. 628-2125.

MERCURY 1991 Sable. 6 cylinder, all power, 4 door, AM/FM cassette, cruise control, custom wheels, 43K miles. Great condition. \$5,600. 10-778-7213.

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101 Autos

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The New Broadway Volkswagen
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NISSAN 1996 Stanza wagon. Automatic, air conditioning, rear door side, AM/FM cassette, lots of head and cargo room, new tires, runs great. Original owner. 125K. \$3300. 510-502.

OLDSMOBILE 1983 Cutlass V-6. 90K, runs good, clean. \$2200. 510-483-3328.

PLYMOUTH 1994 Voyager Sport. 4WD, all upgrades. #339432. Call for lowest price!
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834-7711

VOLKSWAGEN 1997 Dune Buggy. 1600 dual port, runs great. \$3000. 510-483-7343.

VOLKSWAGEN 1994 Passat GLX. V-6 wagon. 5 speed, loaded, green/tan, 58K, nice. \$11,000. 510-797-9940.

VOLKSWAGEN 1993 Jetta GL. Loaded. Only 44K miles! #036463. \$10,995.
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VOLKSWAGEN 1992 Cabriolet. #015310. \$8,995.
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BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Found and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland.

IF you have received a certificate of Occupancy from the City of Berkeley in the past 5 years, please contact Robert Cabrera at 843-8772.

202 Events

HYPNOSIS and the Psycho Arts. FREE demonstration. Spiritual Rights Foundation, Academy for Psycho Studies. Sunday evenings 6:30pm. 1-800-794-1991.

205 Workshops & Classes

SCULPTURE classes: clay, wax, mold making, etc. Figure class Wednesday, Saturday, VanderZanden Studio. Diane 843-9445.

DREAMS Spiritual direction therapy. Groups beginning February 2nd, 3rd. Professional leaders. Roodhouse home. Fee. 664-5987.

206 Found

DOG: Laguna Avenue, January 2. Male, small Spitz. Orange. Call 482-4297.

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster home for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204.

KENMORE washing machine, working but leaking at the bottom. 653-1525 or 594-1684

FOUND dog: Gordon Setter, male, on December 27th. Near Thornhill and Snake. 339-7727

BEAUTIFUL Sealpoint Siamese. About 4 month old. Needs new loving home. AKC Dachshund. 832-4964 donation.

208 Lost

CALICO Cat, Redwood Heights, female. Large white patch on back. December 19th. Loved. Missing. 482-3405.

CAT Male, black, brown collar, found 12/26, Elmwood area, Berkeley. 848-0729.

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447.

SMILES DAY SCHOOL
Pre-school program 2.9 - 5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00. 339-3830.

303 Instruction & Tutoring

A LEARNING PLACE
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley. 531-2500.

303 Instruction & Tutoring

LEARN, live, and love Spanish in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Intensive Spanish language program for business executives, casual travelers, students. Ann. 510-831-4710.

CLASS ACT TUTORING
Personalized, on-site instruction and mentorship. Science, Mathematics, English, Spanish. 382-1626.

PHLEBOTOMY/ Blood Drawing Course by Boston Reed Company. 1-800-201-1141. State Licensed Instructor.

GUITAR, Bass, Drum lessons. Rockridge. 17 years experience. 1st Lesson Free! Len's Lesson Studio, 601-1579.

304 Musical Instruction

ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9 - 90. 531-5625 message.

PREPARATORY MUSIC
Holy Names College. Piano, Strings, Woodwinds, Voice, Guitar Lessons. All Ages. Call 434-1224.

PIANO, organ lessons, your home, all styles/levels. Adults a specialty. Very experienced. Unda 655-0690

EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING Clerk, full-time. Mid-size construction company needs a dependable and accurate accounting clerk. Will perform A/R and some A/P duties. Organization is growing room for advancement. Fax resume to: 510-534-2998.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE. Piedmont company has requirements for a Credit and A/R specialist with experience in A/R account reconciliation, sales application and collections. Must have experience and be proficient with Lotus, Excel and MS Word. Knowledge of computerized A/R systems and customer bill-back deductions against sales to meet credit and grocery chains is necessary. Must have good verbal and written communication skills. Wages commensurate with experience. Fax resume to: 510-654-7759 or mail to: The Mountain Corporation, 1375 Grand Avenue, Piedmont, 94618 for immediate consideration.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Growing strategic consulting firm seeks a self-motivated individual with the enthusiasm to grow in a challenging professional environment. Duties include assistant to the president and senior associates in office management and special projects. Knowledge of MS Office (Word, PowerPoint), strong organizational and communication skills, attention to detail and the ability to handle diverse tasks are a must for this energetic, fast-paced firm. Please send your resume to: Patapatia & Associates, 1516 Elm Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. Fax 510-539-7145.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, responsible for gift processing, data base management, office and event support for development office at Catholic High School. MAC OS, and some bookkeeping experience required. Must have good office and public contact skills. Resume: Development Director, SJND, 1011 Chestnut Street, Alameda, 94501.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
SALES & MARKETING
Supports the VP of Sales and both the Sales and Marketing Departments. The position requires a highly organized individual; one who is able to prioritize and manage multiple activities with a professional and friendly attitude. The Assistant will be central to a broad variety of activities in the department, providing coordination as well as carrying on administrative responsibilities. Requires proficient MS Word and computer skills. Resumes to: etteman@intrepidays.com E. Tiernan, Intrepid Systems, 1301 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda, CA.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant; 30 hours/week, small Emeryville office, benefits, some flex time. Requires office and PC experience, ability to work independently. Fax resume: 510-855-0509

ADMINISTRATIVE Senior Administrative Assistant
We're looking for an experienced (3+ years) administrative assistant to assist in drafting and preparation of contracts, correspondence and other documents, handle data entry and database maintenance, take and make critical calls, file, fax, etc. Requires 70 WPM, a "can do" attitude and outstanding written and oral communication skills; Word and Excel on Mac preferred.

We offer full employer-paid medical insurance, 401(k), multiple bonus opportunities, commute cost reimbursement and much more. Please send your resume and cover letter to:

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Dept HR/AM, 1616 Franklin Street, Oakland CA 94612. Fax (510) 763-2516.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant/Bookkeeper, full-time. Small, busy construction firm. Excellent communication, phone, computer skills required. Construction experience, detail-oriented. Fax resume: 510-547-8570.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant full-time with growing wholesale jewelry company. Must be detail-oriented and personable with strong bookkeeping (QuickBooks), data entry, and phone skills. Full benefits. Fax resume to: 510-849-3463.

ALAMEDA's only locally owned phone book is looking for caring, creative, upbeat individuals to sell ad space. Call A.D.I. 747-1060.

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401 Help Wanted

Answering Service
East Bay Call Center seeks motivated phone reps to join our swing & day teams. Take and dispatch messages & inbound orders for professional clientele. 30 wpm minimum. Varied schedule including weekends. Convenient Berkeley location. \$7.25 per hour plus bonuses and periodic reviews. Benefits, include Medical, Dental, Profit sharing. Call 510-644-4148 anytime.

ART Supply buyer for national distributor. Entry level for self-motivated, analytical, organized, creative person. Art supply knowledge and purchasing skills required. MAC skills a plus. Resume and salary requirements to: P-3, 1327 Park Ave., Emeryville 94608. Fax: 510-653-3173.

ASSEMBLER, Mechanical. Castings. Simple Prints. 99 Hour. Training/Benefits. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland. 693-9612.

ASSISTANT PART-TIME
Dependable well-organized person, with flexible time, for a variety of administrative and house-keeping work in North Berkeley. About 5 - 10 hours per week. Please write TSM P.O. box 8214 Berkeley, CA 94707.

ASSISTANT full-time to President. Heavy phones, computer/escrow knowledge. Excellent growth opportunity. Fax resume: 510-523-3105.

ASSISTANT Needed: Strong bookkeeping, organization, and computer skills needed for quiet home-based office. Part-time, flexible schedule during weekly business hours. Quick skills required; MicroSoft Access and Word helpful. Redwood Heights, Oakland. Start at \$12-14/hr as contractor. Fax: 510-462-1800.

ASSISTANT TO REAL ESTATE ADVERTISING MANAGER
The Hills Newspaper seeks assistant for our real estate department. Part-time, approximately 20 hours per week, Tuesday, Wednesday and 4 hours on Thursday. Experience in WordPerfect 6.0, 50 wpm, accuracy a must. For more information call 510-339-4046.

BANKING FULL-TIME TELLER
Needed in Berkeley Bank. Experience required. Call 510-848-0161.

BOOKKEEPER/clerk, temp position, ASAP. Flexible hours. Experienced, computer knowledge. Salary DOE. Fax resume: 548-0332.

BOOKKEEPER, part-time for travel agency in Berkeley. Computerized bookkeeping experience required. 549-0950.

CASHIER and Grocery Stocker. Full-time. Friendly store! Good benefits. Apply in person: Berkeley Natural Grocery, 1336 Gilman, Berkeley.

CHURCH caretaker. 13-21 hours/week. Open, setup meetings, small "fix-it" tasks, etc. Must be available evenings/weekends. Live-in, near Montclair. Fax resume to: 510-539-0870.

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CLEANER/corner, full-time or part-time, will train, 4364 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. Pick up application.

COOK/ Diet Aide/ Porter, full-time, experience required for cooks. Benefits. Fun environment. Culinary students encouraged to apply. 536-4604 ext. 36.

COORDINATORS wanted by student exchange organization. Recruit, host families and supervise programs for French and Spanish students. Training provided. Send resume/references to: SWIFT 7109 Sayre Drive, Oakland CA 94611.

COURT Person Wanted. Full/part-time. Some experience. Apply in person 2431-A Durant Avenue, Berkeley. 649-9415.

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Berkeley manufacturer seeks full-time customer service representative to provide phone support to our national customer base. Fast-paced environment requires a well organized individual with excellent communication skills. Must be computer literate and able to handle multi-tasks. 1-2 years Customer Service or Call Center experience preferred. Our small administrative staff offers a friendly, comfortable work environment. Salary DOE. Send resume to: TW Inc. 1807 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley 94710 or fax to: (510)863-0414.

CUSTOMER Service and Accounts Payable positions available. Full-time/ part-time. Detail-oriented, good phone/people skills. 834-8563.

DATA Entry file clerk. Good clothing company needs meticulous data entry clerk. Fax resume: 601-8295.

DELI and GROCERY CLERKS
Experience required. Looking for long-term employment? Medical benefits, vacation pay. Must be flexible. See Szees Market (Berkeley Marina), 486-6119.

DENTAL Hygienist. Monday and Thursday, Oakland near Montclair. 530-5530.

DISPATCHER. Part-time, 3 days a week, 10 hours per day. 339-3926

DOCTOR'S Assistant/ Receptionist. 4 days/week including Saturday, 8/8 hour to start. Will Train. Nonsmoking. Downtown Berkeley. 644-0908 after 10 a.m.

DONT QUIT YOUR DAY JOB.
Real Estate License required. Open House Assistant, Oakland, San Leandro, Alameda, weekends only, salary plus commission. 1-800-676-0467, ext 934.

DRIVER. Part-time meal delivery, Oakland area. Monday-Friday, 20 to 25 hours/week. \$5.75/hr. Lunch provided. Drive our vehicle. DMV printout. Call Terry at Home for Jewish Parents. 510-336-4604.

Fashion Accessories Wholesale
Part-time/ or full time energetic and motivated assistant needed. Multi-task, customer support, computer, etc. Small friendly honest office. Fax resume or letter to 510-547-1091.

FRONT Office, small medical practice, Berkeley. Computer skills: Windows

401 Help Wanted

JUST DESSERT
Store Manager
Berkeley

Award Winning SF Bakery. Qualified persons are team oriented, hard working and outgoing, possessing an ability to effectively manage people and service customers. If you're professional, sales oriented, enthusiastic and experienced, Minimum 2 years of experience a plus. Please send/ fax resume to: 415-468-4811, HR, 1970 Carroll Ave. SF, CA 94124.



RETAIL Merchandiser, part-time, 9-14 flexible hours weekly in Oakland drug stores. Oliva: 510-632-0678.

RETAIL Sales, full and part-time sales clerks needed for busy office supply store. Retail experience preferred but not essential. Applications at Piedmont Stationers, 4171 Piedmont Ave.

SECRETARY/
WORD PROCESSING TECH

Self motivated; detail oriented; Wordprocessing 6.0/ MSWord/ Windows 95; Excel; Lotus; spreadsheet; D-base; Email; data entry. \$1645/month plus benefits. Send resume to RCF, TBCB, 2151 Berkeley Way, room 608, Berkeley, CA 94704. Fax to 510-540-2082.

SECRETARY, part-time, 10-2 p.m. experienced, Berkeley, good with public, computer experience. Fax 510-848-9434.

START \$10/hour Full-time. Growing Homecleaning service needs professional, committed, growth oriented employees. English, automobile, references absolutely required. See: 883-1747.

SUBCONTRACTORS wanted for new home construction. Skyline Blvd area. All trades welcome to bid. Call Lee Snyder at: (510)867-4507 for more information.

TEACHER: Teach and encourage students in math and reading. Help create a positive supportive and exciting learning environment. Earn \$12-25/hour. Must have BA degree, experience teaching children, outgoing personality and desire to be an outstanding role model for children. Send resume to Alison Strubbe, Scott & Kaplan, 6112 La Salle Ave., Oakland 94611 or call 339-3949.

TEACHERS: Part-time Science Teachers Elementary school age. Week day afternoons 2pm-5pm. Requirements: car, prior experience with children and some science background. Call: 510-376-6754.

TEACHERS Aided, at fun filled large family daycare. Happy children and loving parents. Beautiful Montclair setting for high energy person. Call Donna, 339-1777.

TELEMARKETER/Carver to assist sales department for 20 year old janitorial company. Salary plus. Monday-Friday, full-time/part-time. Marc 444-6565.

TELEMARKETING. Christmas excess? Join Berkeley Reporter's festive fundraising campaign and pay off that holiday debt! Part-time days/evenings available. Top callers earn up to \$15 hourly (commission + bonus) while helping award winning theater. Paid training, comp tickets, fun work environment. Call 204-8901 ext. 400.

TELEMARKETING. Part-time (18 hours/week) with professional education company in Piedmont. No cold calls. \$8 per hour plus incentive. Call Mr. Mack 428-4125 for interview.

THREE Climbers/Groundsmen wanted, health DMV preferred. 510-458-8498.

VETERINARY Receptionist/Office Manager, full-time. Call Monday, Friday 10-12, 3-8. Start Immediately. 531-0121.

VETERINARY Hospital seeks energetic, bilingual (Spanish) office manager. Computer experience. Full-time, some weekends. 510-534-7387 or fax: 510-534-7391.

WAREHOUSE. Shipping-Receiving, Forklift helpful. Driver's license, \$9/ Advancement. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 893-9612.

402 Independent Employment

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

HOME based business earn supplemental income. High reward potential. No investment. Start-up help provided. 510-843-0951

403 Salon Opportunities

HAIRSTYLIST or manicurist, full-time or part-time. Montclair hair salon. Free Parking. Some clientele needed. 339-2600.

HAIRSTYLIST/ Nail technician/ Esthetician, upscale day spa and salon/ Montclair Village. Full-time, sign-on bonus. 510-338-0464.

405 Employment Exchange

RESPONSIBLE women, quiet, neat seeks reduced rent, exchange for services. Cooking, cleaning, childcare. Longterm. 653-1564.

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627.

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 864-9011.

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

RESPONSIBLE companion: Loving memory impaired women. Activities, exercise, errands. 25 hours/week. Driver, references. 510-654-8482.

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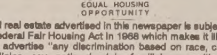
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1) Wedding Pages 2) Golden Sierra Merchandisers, 1910 Kingridge Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Are registered by the following owner: Elizabeth Zyla, 1910 Kingridge Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 20, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 20, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7247

The Name of the Business:

Hillside Technology Group, 507 Azores Circle, Bay Point, CA 94865.

is registered by the following owner: John W. Charles III, 507 Azores Circle, Bay Point, CA 94865.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 21, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 21, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7191

The Name of the Business:

A Legacy Piano Resales, 38 Beta Ct. B-8, San Ramon, CA 94583.

is registered by the following owner: Mary Mackie, 4001 W. Lakeshore, San Ramon, CA 94583.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 18, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 19, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7263

The Name of the Business:

Busy Digits Country Crafts, 3519 Tanager Circle, Concord, CA 94520.

is registered by the following owner: Dawn C. Hernandez, 3519 Tanager Circle, Concord, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7174

The Name of the Business:

1) The Costume Corner 2) The Academy of Dance 3) Dance Academy 4) The Clubhouse 5) Costume Corner Shop, 5145 Sbrante Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

Are registered by the following owner:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7158

The Name of the Business:

Oceanvisions, P.O. Box 1882, Orinda, CA 94563.

is registered by the following owners: Ron Romano, 21 Los Angeles, Orinda, CA 94563.

Robin Ebling, 1666 Granada Dr., Concord, CA 94519.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 18, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 18, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7563

The Name of the Business:

IFGAM, 2480 Warren Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

is registered by the following owner: Marlon Hunter, 2480 Warren Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 9, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 9, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7148

The Name of the Business:

RAY-K-R Environmental Research Services, 2034 Heatherwood Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.

is registered by the following owners: Robert Mitchell Rayford, 971 Ventura Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.

Rizza Mallari Rayford, 971 Ventura Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 18, 1997.

Susan Amacker, 753 Manor Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7394

The Name of the Business:

Sharon's Accurate Enterprises, 180 El Cerrito Rd., Suite 256, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

is registered by the following owner: Sharon A. Haley, 250 Barnett Terrace, art Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 1, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7327

The Name of the Business:

National Dealer Services, 310 Warren Street, CA 94553.

is registered by the following owner: William Earl Newton, 310 Warren Street, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 8, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7422

The Name of the Business:

1) Chemical Design Company, 3075 Research Drive, Richmond, CA 94801.

Are registered by the following owners: John J. Merrill, 3158 Blackhawk Meadows, Danville, CA 94506.

Mechthild Merrill, 3158 Blackhawk Meadows, Danville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by individuals Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 2, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 2, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7817

The Name of the Business:

A Carpet Connoisseur, 1591 B Pleasant Hill, Lafayette, CA 94548.

is registered by the following owners: Joseph M. Cowen, 421 Sutcliffe Pl., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Toni G. Cowen, 421 Sutcliffe Pl., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 11, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 11, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7394

The Name of the Business:

Sharon's Accurate Enterprises, 180 El Cerrito Rd., Suite 256, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

is registered by the following owner: Sharon A. Haley, 250 Barnett Terrace, art Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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The Name of the Business:

National Dealer Services, 310 Warren Street, CA 94553.

is registered by the following owner: William Earl Newton, 310 Warren Street, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 8, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1997.

The Journal December 18, 25, 1997, January 1, 8, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7422

The Name of the Business:

1) Chemical Design Company, 3075 Research Drive, Richmond, CA 94801.

Are registered by the following owners: John J. Merrill, 3158 Blackhawk Meadows, Danville, CA 94506.

Mechthild Merrill, 3158 Blackhawk Meadows, Danville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by individuals Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 2, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 2, 1997.

The Journal December 18, 25, 1997, January 1, 8, 1998.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-7817

The Name of the Business:

A Carpet Connoisseur, 1591 B Pleasant Hill, Lafayette, CA 94548.

is registered by the following owners: Joseph M. Cowen, 421 Sutcliffe Pl., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Toni G. Cowen, 421 Sutcliffe Pl., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

This business is conducted by individuals husband and wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 11, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 11, 1997.

The Journal December 18, 25, 1997, January 1, 8, 1998.

NEW CAR DIRECTORY

CHEVROLET

ALBANY CHEVROLET

916 San Pablo Ave., Albany

(510) 559-1400

HYUNDAI

LLOYD WISE HYUNDAI

3300 Broadway Auto Row, Oakland

(510) 251-8300

Dodge

SMITH DODGE

12300 San Pablo Ave., Richmond Hwy 80 at San Pablo exit

(510) 620-1080 • (800) 533-7626

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BROADWAY FORD

2560 Webster Street, Oakland

(510) 832-8800

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1400 West Tenth Street, Antioch

(510) 757-1771

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3291 Auto Plaza, Richmond

(510) 243-6100

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2101 Market St., Concord

(510) 682-3033

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LLOYD WISE NISSAN

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DOWNTOWN SAAB-SUBARU

4145 Broadway Auto Row, Oakland

(510) 547-4436

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SATURN OF OAKLAND

2355 Broadway Auto Row, Oakland

(510) 839-6400

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DOWNTOWN TOYOTA

4145 Broadway Auto Row, Oakland

(510) 547-4436

TOYOTA OF BERKELEY

2400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

(510) 845-2530

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2700 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

(510) 848-2206